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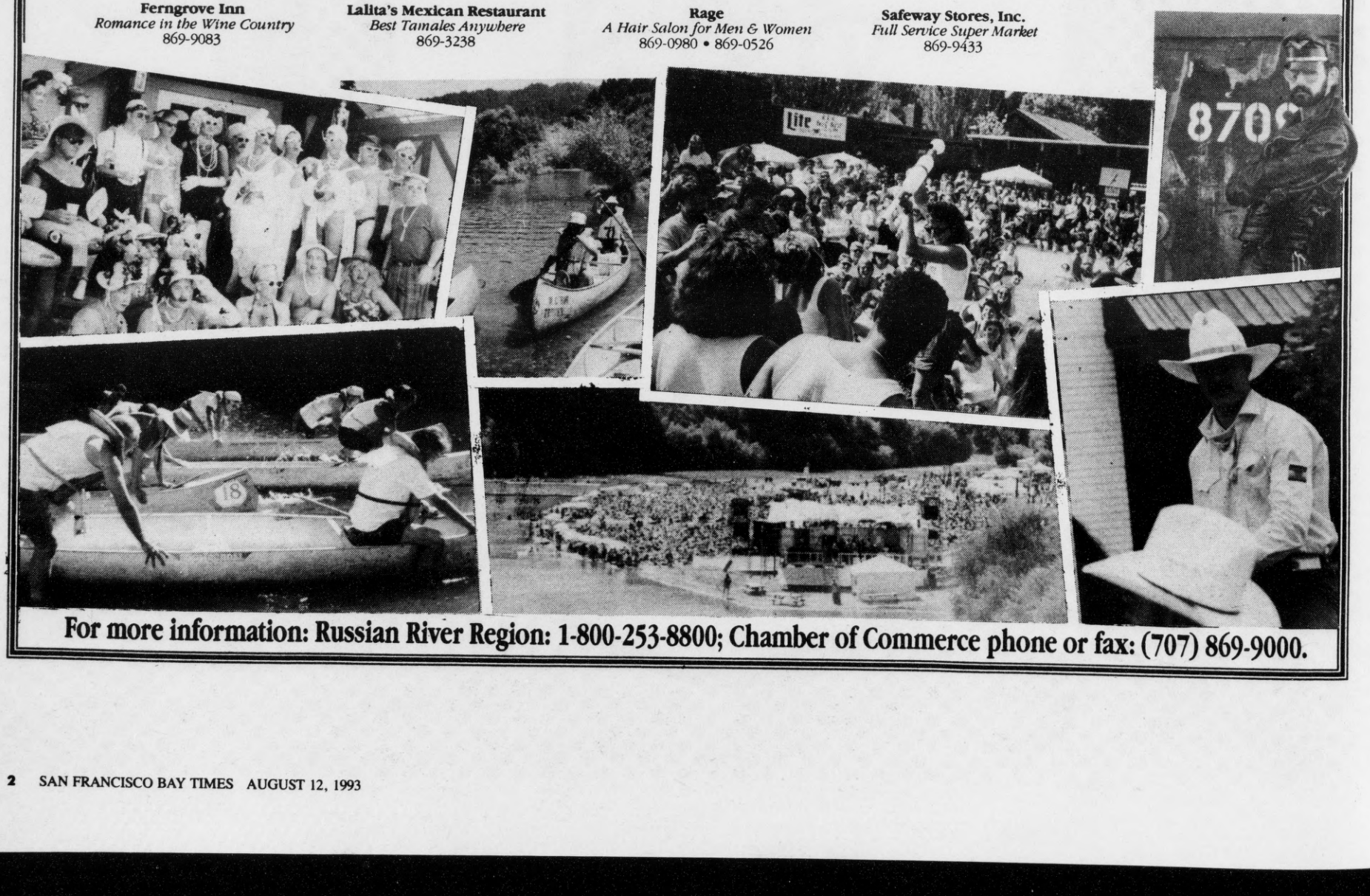

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Still Needed

The following letter was sent to Old Wives' Tales Collective:

I think a feminist bookstore still needs to exist, specifically Old Wives' Tales:

- For new writers who haven't found an audience or perhaps haven't developed the skill to reach a commercial audience.
- For the communities of readers and writers who will never (until the revolution or utopia) be commercially exciting. At this point, these include most women of color, lesbians of color, disabled women, old women, poor women, imprisoned women, sexual outlaws, etc.
- For readers and writers who haven't found feminism or a place within feminism.
- For the kind of community building you offer.
- For me, a writer, who will soon finish her first novel and wants to fulfill her dream of a reading at Old Wives' Tales.

This list came to me fast off the top of my flipped-out feelings after reading in the *SF Bay Times* that Old Wives' Tales may close ("Old Wives' Tales Facing Closure," July 29). I'm sure I can add to it. Instead I will put this in an envelope with five dollars so you can buy yourselves a sandwich and think how to raise money from someone richer than I.

Thank you for your work so far. I, for one, hope you continue.

Adrienne Lauby
Sebastopol

A Big Thank You

For Greta Christina's "Big" body of words in the July 29 *SF Bay Times*: Thank you.

I am a not-big/not-small woman with my own infinite store of hallucinatory mirrors. Besides my own, I face constantly the body image/self-image problems that feed and starve each other in every woman I know. Not intending to deprive similarly troubled males of their personal grievances, I must admit my bias is not toward acknowledging manipulations they endure. Even when I *try* to quiet my militant reactionism to media/socialization/internalized phobias, I cannot help but be aware of how insidiously institutionalized is the feminine penchant for hurting Herself upon any available Projection.

I appreciate your humor in recognizing that finger-pointing at the He of Society does not provide remedy for the malaise. At the same time, this, as any step away from the internalization of hatred and blame into all-consuming depression, is a step toward self-realization (in all its squeamishly New Agey well-meaning affirmative glory).... So... When will we (as women, as people, as people in communities) be comfortable with the potential multiplicity (and *changeability)* of ways to sense oneself? When will we be self-determined enough to *not* be destroyed by shifts in body/mind/being that presently feel like they sweep our safely established identities out from under us?

Thanks for boosting my blood sugar with your delicious fucking brownies in the midst of another battle with the self-deprivation that is periodic depression.

Name withheld by request
San Francisco

PWAs Flooded Out

In the past three weeks Des Moines, Iowa, has sustained an estimated $700 million in flood damage, suffered major disruptions in all services, and has endured 12 days without water service to approximately 250,000 people. The entire state of Iowa has been declared a federal disaster area. Our area has been the hardest hit of all.

People living with HIV/AIDS have been, and will continue to be, adversely affected by the July flood. A number were displaced from their homes, and many more have required special assistance to obtain basic necessities. Most have coped remarkably well. But our real challenge lies ahead.

Aid Greater Des Moines, like most AIDS service organizations, depends heavily on fundraising to meet our basic needs: case management, emergency assistance, a drug reimbursement program, and housing assistance to people living with AIDS. Simply put, given the widespread damage to the entire community, obtaining corporate and individual donations for AIDS related services may become extremely difficult, if not impossible.

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Kirk Bragg, MSW
Director, Aid Greater Des Moines, Inc.
Des Moines, Iowa

Ha Ha—Not!

Regarding Nan Parks' first "column" ("Straight Talk!" *SF Bay Times*, July 29): What a brilliant parody of stumbling het self-justification! ("Like, *oh-my-god!* I am NOT a homophobe!") After all, would any real person dare to flaunt every stereotype of heterosexual idiocy between the pages of "the biggest homosexual paper in town"? If poor Nan *does* exist, how cruel of you to expose her. But, really—as if straight people don't tell us what they think 24 hours a day. Ha ha ha ha—Not!

Hilary A. Zaid
Oakland

Shades of Patrick Dennis

Nan Parks' column is simply top-drawer! Do get her to tell the story about the table tennis tournament when she was in the semi-finals with Bunny Bixley. It was so ghastly she could write a book about it, I'm so sure.

Ta-ta!
Gloria (Mrs. Rex) Mundi
San Francisco

Below Standard

I am a hetero person who reads the *SF Bay Times* regularly. Your new column, "Straight Talk," by Nan Parks, is way below your usual standard. Is it some kind of satire that I've missed the point of?

The patronizing tone and sophomoric style would be annoying, even if Parks had something to say. Addressing the readership as "you people" is a tip-off to her insensitivity. She and her lesbian sister don't seem to communicate even about a couple of magazine covers.

It is presumptuous of her to think that gays and lesbians need her to explain hetero society. Don't gays and lesbians learn more than they want to know from living and working in Parks' "normal" world, where the intolerant and ignorant outnumber the supportive and empathetic?

If you want a hetero columnist, I hope you can find someone with the wit and insight to enlighten and entertain all of us.

R. Duggin Bacy
San Francisco

Babble

So, Nan Parks is not a professional writer—no shit! A professional babbler is more like it! If she talks like she writes she must never come up for air! Her first three or four long paragraphs were composed of two or three sentences at the most!

Wait a minute—you're putting me on! There is no Nan Parks—right?!

What does she mean, "If gay men like men and lesbians like women, why do lesbians like gay men and vice versa?" That's like asking, "If straight men like women and straight women like men, why aren't straight men friends with men and straight women friends with women?" Also, she asks, "Why aren't gay men at least friends with straight women?" Give me a break!

Please please tell me you made this "column" up! I can't believe you would waste valuable space otherwise.

If you *do* exist, Nan, you may claim not to be homophobic, but I think you have some unresolved feelings to work out. Until you do I suggest you put your pen away and lock up your typewriter.

Also, for the next article you write, talk to a gay man as well as your lesbian sister for a more complete outlook. Ask your lesbian sister if you could talk to one of her gay male friends—even if you can't figure out why a lesbian might like a gay man and vice versa.

This is your last chance, *SF Bay Times*. Tell me it's all a joke and I'm wasting this paper instead of you wasting yours. I can take a joke as well as the next gay—er, I mean, guy.

Greg Morgan
San Francisco

Never Mind....

Please tell me Gilda Radner has returned and is inhabiting the body of Nan Parks!

Richard Williams
San Francisco

Thanks

In reference to the letter "Rainbeau's Sensitivity" (*SF Bay Times*, July 15):

Thank you to Janet Franklin for writing such a sweet letter of acknowledgement regarding the event "Celebrate," that took place on June 25, produced by Rainbeau Productions. As the producers, it was important to us and will be a commitment at our events to have a "Special Needs Area" and an ASL interpreter for our shows. Christina Fischer was our ASL interpreter for that particular event and we thank her for pulling through to do the needed work. As producers of erotic dance theater performances, it's not always easy to find people who are willing and able *and* supportive of sex-positive art. We are grateful to Christina and to all who showed up on one of the hottest days recorded in 118 years to come to the Kennel Club and be *indoors!*

We welcome feedback and questions about Rainbeau Productions anytime. Inquiries and comments may be addressed to: Rainbeau Productions, c/o Alicia Brite, PO Box 5283, Berkeley 94705-0283.

Rainbeau and Alicia Brite
Berkeley

Call for Peace

Is there any hope in our "community" engaging in anything other than an extended screaming match via the *SF Bay Times* letters section to resolve its problems? I'm sure the CIA couldn't be happier if they'd sent in their own agent provocateur to stir things up and divide us, preventing us from focusing on the larger problems facing our community and uniting to face them. At the risk of quoting a white "forefather," can I say that, "We must all hang together or assuredly we will all hang separately"?

Clearly we have enormous difficulties facing all of us— bisexuals, transgendered people, gays, lesbians, queers, etc. The ongoing AIDS crisis, the terrible budget problems caused by the severely depressed economy, a rise in hate crimes, cancer, etc., are all extremely serious problems we face and we need all our energy to deal with them. It is understandable that in the face of such overwhelming burdens we feel full of frustration and rage, and sometimes vent that on each other.

From reading the letters in the *SF Bay Times, most* people seem to be "on the side" of transsexuals. The "Gay vs. Queer" debate was an albatross from the beginning. Obviously not everyone is going to be happy with either one, as we've seen *again and again and again.* So obviously it's pointless to try and lump us all under one label. Isn't asserting one's *individual* identity what this is all about? Let's just let people define themselves as they wish and move on.

I can't possibly go into all the ins and outs of everyone's argument and I'm sure anyone can find something to disagree with in my letter. But that's not my point. My desire is to call for peace—to stop this nonconstructive arguing and focus on the larger difficulties facing our *community.*

Carolyn Keating
San Francisco

Also Marginalized

The following is an open letter to Thom Bean:

What a great piece! Thank you so much for "Queer Monoculture on Parade" (*SF Bay Times*, July 15). This morning I kept interrupting myself as I read, to exclaim in my kitchen, "Oh my God! What a great article!" Next, in the shower, as I was composing this letter, I stopped and asked myself why this is the letter I'm finally writing to this newspaper, when there have been a number of issues that I have wanted to respond to that one would say affect me more directly.

I am not a person of color. I have a congenital (born with) physical disability and use an electric wheelchair. I cannot remember the number of times I have thought of writing a letter in response to some particularly offensive article around disability issues, whether it was obvious, out-there disability-phobic trash (e.g., pieces about older queers whose biggest fears are about developing some sort of disability—Heavens! What a tragedy that would be, eh!? So now tell me, what do you *really* think of me?) or simply the use of the word "retarded" or "lame" by some uninformed non-disabled idiot trying to be cool.

Anyway, the answer that I came up with is stated in your article very clearly. I have been an out lesbian for over ten years and I feel extremely marginalized in this "community." Though you and I are members of two different cultures other than the queer one, I felt as if you were expressing my experiences directly. (Many of us disabled folks identify with a disability culture, common history, oppression, etc.) From being at the Parade and only recognizing a handful of folks to feeling invisible (or misrepresented) when we are recognized in the media (March video, assorted articles, etc.), you expressed why I always feel like I'm not getting as much out of this great day as everyone else. And it's

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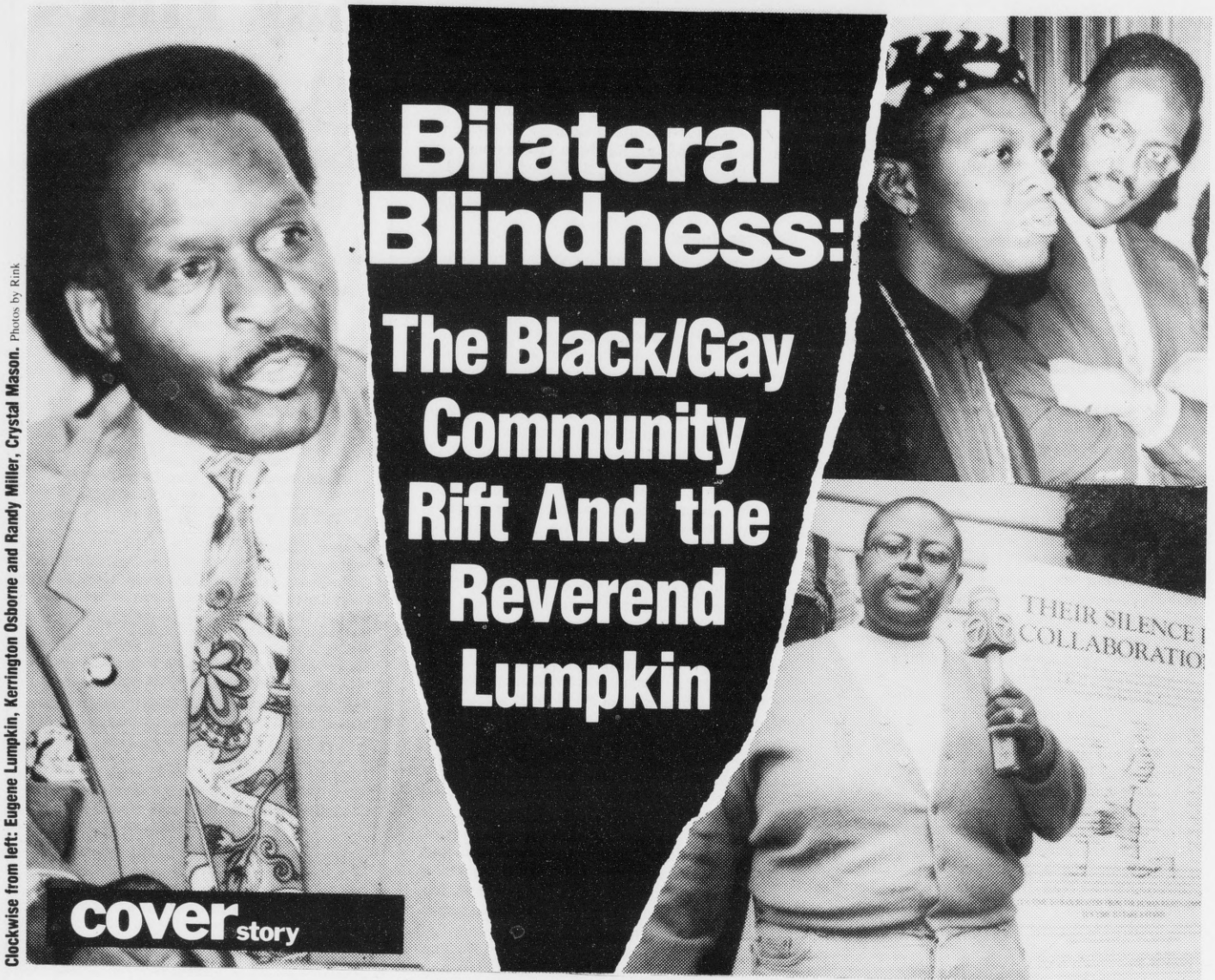

Clockwise from left: Eugene Lumpkin, Kerrington Osborne and Randy Miller, Crystal Mason. Photos by Rink

cover story

Bilateral Blindness:

The Black/Gay Community Rift And the Reverend Lumpkin

by Tim Kingston

"When you deal in anger, it gets crazy," observed Ken Jones, veteran community activist and former executive director of the STOP AIDS Project. There was more than enough anger and craziness to go around City Hall on Aug. 4. That was the day Supervisor Terence Hallinan proposed a resolution urging that Mayor Frank Jordan remove the Rev. Eugene Lumpkin from the San Francisco Human Rights Commission (HRC) for, among other things, describing homosexuality as an "abomination against God."

Hallinan's resolution was unanimously passed through the Government Oversight and Labor Committee of the Board of Supervisors and is slated to be debated by the full board on Aug. 16. Hallinan believes Lumpkin's presence on the HRC is "shameful": "It reflects adversely on the whole Human Rights Commission—which is there for all people. Imagine what would happen if a gay person said Blacks were cursed because they were descendants of Cain. People would go bonkers!"

Where Hallinan and gay rights activists see blatant homophobia, Lumpkin's supporters—including a notable portion of the African-American political and religious leadership in San Francisco—see creeping racism and an overt effort to edge out and disempower the African-American community. Rev. Martin Grizzel, program coordinator at the Ella Hill Hutch Community Center, argued the supervisors are emphasizing the wrong issue. They are "majoring in the minors and minoring in the majors," said Grizzel.

Lumpkin's supporters charge that the supervisors, in confronting Lumpkin, are ignoring the larger issue of racism, which is being camouflaged by cries of homophobia. Grizzel asserts that Lumpkin was hoodwinked by the Black lesbian *Chronicle* reporter who did the initial story: "He was befriended by someone in disguise from the African-American community. He was not fulfilling his role at that point in time of being on the board of the HRC. He was not in his pulpit preaching on Sunday morning."

Not surprisingly, statements which belittle the impact of homophobia raise the ire of those opposed to Lumpkin. Thus the Aug. 4 public hearing promptly degenerated into a screaming session, notable primarily for the total inability of either side to even begin to comprehend the other's position. The cracked and fragile alliance between the African American and gay/lesbian/bisexual communities, had, by the end of the day, broken apart, revealing a Grand Canyon-like chasm.

A succession of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered folks and straight people of various and sundry hues spoke up at the meeting, saying that Lumpkin's homophobic comments make him unsuitable to sit on the HRC. After sitting and stewing through the speeches, the Rev. Amos Brown, as well as Lulann McGriff of the NAACP and other Lumpkin supporters, finally blew up, asserting the whole hearing had been rigged against Lumpkin from the start.

Then the hearing spun into the Twilight Zone. White Traditional Value Coalition preachers got up to defend Lumpkin as a persecuted Christian. At that point one particularly unhinged lesbian activist suggested that some of the TVC or African-American priest's homes would be fire bombed that night—a sickening image for African Americans in the room who had been active in the civil rights movement—not to mention the recent fire-bombing of the NAACP offices in Sacramento. Shortly thereafter, Rev. Brown stomped out of the Board chambers, snarling at Supervisor Hallinan, and was followed by several other Lumpkin backers.

It was not a banner day for intercommunity relations.

"There is a lot of distrust between the African-American community and the lesbian/gay/bisexual/trans community," said Ken Jones. "Someone has to bring us together. We have got to have dialogue. We cannot continue to beat each other up. If anything, we should be forming strong coalitions to defeat our real enemies."

Jones also said the Mayor's determination to keep Lumpkin on the HRC is confusing. "I don't know why [Jordan] is digging in on this one. He has a right to appoint Lumpkin to a commission, but send him to the Fire Commission or the Police Commission. Send him anywhere, but not the Human Rights Commission!"

(Both Lumpkin and Brown were out of town and not available for comment. Lulann McGriff did not return an *SF Bay Times* call.)

WHITE NOISE AND BLACK MYOPIA? WHAT ABOUT THE QUEERS?

"What we are looking at is two marginalized, oppressed communities fighting each other," said the Rev. Yvette Flunder, African American pastor at the City of Refuge Community Church. And neither side seems willing to listen, much less accept, the other side's rationale, she noted.

One explanation for the mutual intransigence between gays and African Americans is that the ordering of community priorities is very different, said Flunder. Reeling off a list of top priorities for African Americans, Flunder said the primary issue is "economic," followed by "survival, drug use and the sale of drugs. AIDS would come in along with a list of other things." But, she said, "Issues of sexuality come way down on the list." She added, "In the white gay community, the first thing is gay rights. After that come AIDS issues, and after that substance abuse and other things."

We don't want the same things," said Flunder. "If the gay community wants [to ally] with the African-American community, the gay community is going to have to understand that the African-American community is dealing with drugs. If we want harmony with the gay community, the African-American community is going to have to lock in with civil rights and AIDS. That is where the disparity is."

Another cause of strife is media portrayal of the HRC controversy in terms of Black vs. white and Christian vs. gay. There has been little acknowledgment of the numerous Christian religious groups—white, Black, gay and straight—that oppose Lumpkin's appointment as a human rights advocate. In addition, there has there been little mention of the substantial numbers of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people of color opposed to Lumpkin.

"I am your people," declared African-American lesbian activist Lauri Irving at the Aug. 4 public hearing. Addressing a row of Black Lumpkin supporters, she commanded: "Embrace me, dammit!" As Irving spoke, you could hear ominous rumblings from the Rev. Amos Brown clear across the room.

Lumpkin's comment that homosexuality is an "abomination against God" is what really "tore it" for Irving. Lumpkin's subsequent comments at the July 12 lesbian/gay/bisexual advisory committee meeting—when he said he would represent the rest of San Francisco, but not the gay community—did not help matters. "Once he has declared that someone is evil and wicked," said Irving, "I just can't imagine him advocating for [lesbians and gays]."

Irving wants Lumpkin out, but she also said, "It was painful for me to see people in the lesbian/gay community, who have not yet begun to address their racism, accuse people in the African-American community of bigotry."

While Irving was one of many people of color who opposed Rev. Lumpkin at the hearing, it seemed as if neither she nor other gay/lesbian people of color had been acknowledged in the debate. By the time the Board chambers emptied, late in the afternoon, it was as if their voices had disappeared in the battle, ground out between homophobia on one side and racism on the other.

The lack of acknowledgment of gay people of color in general, and African Americans specifically, drives Kerrington Osborne nuts. Osborne, a founding member of LGADDA (Lesbians and Gays of African American Descent for Democratic Action), complains that whenever the African-American clergy speak out, the media treats it as if they are speaking for the entire African-American community. Osborne snipes, "What is really pissing me off is no one says Jerry Falwell represents the entire white community!"

Osborne singled out the Rev. Amos Brown as a pastor who asserts he speaks for all African Americans. "He believes he is [such a spokesperson]. But many in the African-American community say that is not the case," said Osborne. "But his shenanigans get him attention and make good copy."

Randy Miller, also of LGADDA, said it was essential for gay people of color to take on Lumpkin. LGADDA was the first group to confront Lumpkin for his inflammatory comments in the *Chronicle*. "A lot of people hesitated because he is a Black minister. LGADDA could stand on solid ground and say the issue is: What are the qualifications to be an HRC commissioner? We are not susceptible to white guilt or liberal guilt. And we have an ongoing relationship with people in the African-American community. So we can challenge them around homophobia."

Lauri Irving insists that "Reverend Lumpkin is not the issue." The issue is "bigotry: whether homophobia from an African American or racism from gays and lesbians. This should be the beginning of an examination of bigotry on city commissions."

THROUGH THE GLASS DARKLY; MURKY POLITICS

This is San Francisco, in 1993, during the reign of Frank The Fumbler. More than "simple" issues of race and gender are at play. This is POLITICS. Depending on where you sit, the "affaire Lumpkin" is one of the following:

(1) Further evidence of Mayor Jordan's complete incompetence and semi-covert homophobia, says the gay/lesbian community;

(2) An example of the ongoing neglect and disrespect faced by the African-American community due to the endemic racism that riddles San Francisco politics, say the African-American leaders;

(3) Frank Jordan's attempt to woo the African-American community in an effort to get re-elected, while jettisoning the gays, who by now hate him anyway, say surly progressives;

(4) Another Machiavellian plot by former Agnos staffers to discredit Jordan, say Jordan supporters and a few others; or

(5) Simply another lesson in how politics can blow up and spiral beyond the wildest dreams and nightmares of those who triggered the situation in the first place, say cynical political hacks and beady-eyed City Hall reporters.

The real story is probably a noxious brew of all of the above.

So far, Mayor Jordan is committed to keeping Lumpkin on the Human Rights Commission, having no intention of asking him to resign. Noah Griffin, Jordan's chief press flak, defended Lumpkin, saying that Lumpkin's statements are protected by the constitutional right to freedom of religion. "Eugene Lumpkin can make any religious statement he wants, and he is protected by federal laws," asserted Griffin. "You cannot censor or remove someone for their religious beliefs."

But, does having someone on the Human Rights Commission whose statements contradict the nondiscrimination charter of the HRC create a problem? Griffin got testy and snapped, "Neither the federal government nor the state government can do anything about it, so long as the statements are constitutionally protected. There is nothing the Mayor can do about removing someone from a civil service commission, no matter what their religious beliefs are."

Whoops, try again, Noah. The city attorney's office disagrees: Deputy city attorney Buck Delvanthal said, "The Mayor does not have to give any reason when he removes a human rights commissioner." Thus, the Mayor can remove commissioners for their beliefs, statements, or simply because the Mayor does not believe a commissioner's gloves match his shoes. Both ex-mayors Dianne Feinstein and Art Agnos removed commissioners without explanation. Feinstein is alleged to have had a simple rule about commissioners: "No Loose Cannons on Deck."

Why then, is the Mayor so set on keeping Lumpkin? Think elections. Think votes. Political observers say the African American and gay communities are about the same size and tend to vote as a block. "Politicians go after votes," said Flunder. "And Jordan went after the Black community and had solidarity with them. Hence, Lumpkin. He made a choice."

Jordan appears to be waging the time-honored political strategy of Divide and Rule. The Mayor can only benefit from a situation where two powerful potential opponents, the gay and African-American communities, are busy fighting each other—instead of uniting and going for Jordan's jugular.

But not everyone thinks Jordan's strategy will be effective in immobilizing his opponents. Ken Jones said, "[Jordan] is pissing in the wind. That man has offended everyone He has no basis of support—except downtown business."

But if divide and rule is Jordan's game plan, it puts gays, lesbians and bisexuals within his administration in a rather uncomfortable position. Mayoral aide Jean Harris discovered that discomfort on the steps of City Hall. On July 30 she walked smack into the middle of a press conference designed to lambast gays, lesbians and bisexuals in the Jordan administration who had not taken a stand on the Lumpkin affair.

Asked where she stood on the appointment, Harris bent herself pretzel-like, evading the question. First, she tried pronouncements that she supports getting more lesbians and gays elected to office.

Next she tried, "If you don't know my position, you haven't been here long." That did not work either, particularly after queer activist Kent Shulke started demanding, "Yes or no. Do you support the appointment of Rev. Lumpkin?" Still refusing to answer—and after about eight go 'rounds—Harris's final words were, "I work for the Mayor."

UNDERLYING THE OVERLAY: AFRICAN-AMERICAN LEADERS CRY RACISM

The battle over Rev. Lumpkin is only the latest in a series of bruising conflicts between the lesbian/gay/bisexual and African-American communities. The faces and issues may change, but the foundations of the problem remain the same—political power.

Both groups tangled in 1990 when ACT UP confronted then-Secretary of Health Louis Sullivan at the AIDS conference. That dispute was remarkably similar to the Lumpkin battle—allegations of disrespect for a highly placed conservative African American on one side, and accusations of homophobia and AIDSphobia against Sullivan from ACT UP. The rhetoric was equally heated, and the issue eventually died down. But the ill feelings were never resolved.

Similar battles between the two communities raged over needle exchange, Pat Norman's race for supervisor, the U.S.S. Missouri and even district elections. Ken Jones said, "It was bloody and ugly, and it is about empowerment."

"Who comes to the dinner table first," is the crux of the matter, said Jones. He said the African-American community feels that, historically, it deserves a place at the table; while on the other side, gays and lesbians say they have worked and volunteered and politicked hard, and deserve a seat at that table—*now*. Some African-American leaders see that demand as a threat to their power, a response apparently based on a scarcity model of political power.

Based on that analysis, when other groups decline to acknowledge the validity of the African American claim to power, or worse, try to muscle African Americans out of the way—as in the Lumpkin dispute— that immediately comes across as racism.

"The African-American clergy feels attacked by the white gay community," said Rev. Flunder. "They feel the white gay community wants to control any board they can in terms of city politics. And that is what the African-American community is up in arms about. I don't feel all the other pastors agree with Lumpkin. But this [fight] is drawn on race lines."

The Lumpkin issue also rubs salt into an old wound. The Human Rights Commission is an irritant to the traditional leadership of the African-American community, who argue the HRC was created mainly to deal with issues of racism as they affect the African-American community. But instead, "their" commission has been wrestled away, and is busy addressing all sorts of issues that are seen as less than primary by the leadership.

At the Aug. 4 hearing, Lulann McGriff first addressed the issue of the HRC, not Lumpkin. She charged that the HRC "has never finished the task" it was set up to do—fighting racism in San Francisco.

Similarly, when Supervisor Hallinan said that the HRC's primary mission is fighting discrimination—and included sexual orientation—he got an angry earful from the Rev. Martin Grizzel, arguing the same point. Now, years after the formation of the HRC, Grizzel said, "We find...racism is still endemic in the City. I contend there are still persons on the HRC who are having attitudes and mindsets not consistent with the charter of the HRC." Grizzel argued if Lumpkin's record is questioned, then the voting records of all commissioners should be examined.

LGADDA's Miller said what fuels the anger of the traditional community leadership is, as the gay community has advanced, "the African-American community has become less and less empowered: politically, financially and almost any other way that it can be less empowered....We as a community are less influential."

Thus, *any* loss of power is seen as a significant threat to the African-American community's limited political influence. Miller added that the loudest cries of racism come from an "old guard" of African-American community leaders, among them McGriff, Brown and Grizzel. But they are out of touch, said Miller, "The only time they have power is when you have confrontation and charges of racism. In terms of community organizing, I don't think Amos Brown represents people on the street."

While that may be so, the ministers backing Lumpkin do represent the African-American religious community, which can still wield significant clout—particularly when one of their own is under attack.

BLOOPERS: PART ONE

As Lumpkin's supporters highlight racism in the queer communities, they appear blind to the

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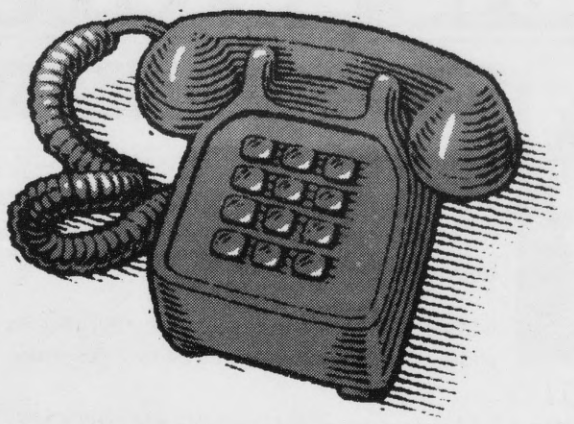

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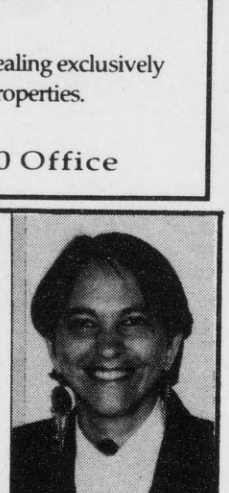

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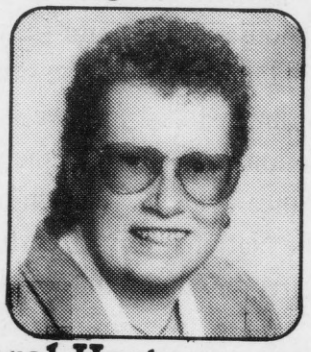

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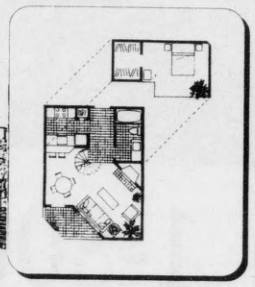

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offense some of their comments and actions cause to those communities. Whether they know it or not, many of their comments come across as blatantly homophobic.

At the Aug.4 hearing, lesbians, gays and bisexuals were stunned to see, in amongst the ministers supporting Lumpkin, three notorious Traditional Values Coalition priests. All three are white, and all three have a proven homophobic track record. "It was very troubling to see Amos Brown surrounded by those people," said Osborne.

At the hearing, the NAACP's Lulann McGriff repeatedly talked about counseling and burying "AIDS victims," in an effort to show she is not homophobic, as she defended Lumpkin and lashed out at his opponents. Yet, the very use of the word "victim" is something PWAs have fought against for years.

Grizzel also defended Lumpkin, saying, "He is not homophobic. He is more compassionate than anything else. He treats everyone with dignity, and he does not allow his own personal bias" to interfere with his decisions. Grizzel is convinced that despite what the scriptures say, Lumpkin will respect a gay or lesbian person for who they are and be able to defend their interest at the HRC. "That is the whole idea of live and let live," said Grizzel. But after saying that, he proceeded to separate the gay "lifestyle" from the "person."

For many gays and lesbians, however, the phrase "lifestyle" is a buzz word for Traditional Values, which "rhymes" with genocide, not "live and let live."

Rev. Grizzel's statements about feminism also cast doubt on his understanding and empathy for gender issues. Without any prompting, Grizzel stated, "Women's lib had nothing to do with civil rights." Instead, he said "Women's lib" occurred simply because "European women got tired of European men oppressing them." In contrast, he stated that African-American women have always been free of oppression from African-American men.

George Mix, Jr., of the Bay Area Urban League, does not understand the controversy over Lumpkin. "What he says in church is what the average Baptist minister says in church. They are quoting scripture, that is all. That has been going on since I was a kid." It is Lumpkin's job to preach, said Mix. And he says so long as the comments stay inside church, they should not be used against Lumpkin. "I feel very strongly about that," said Mix. "I wish people would stop being so small-minded and look at the big picture. This is so petty. [Lumpkin] has never been racist or prejudiced to anyone."

The arguments in defense of Lumpkin provide little solace to those who are worried about Lumpkin's presence on the HRC. The idea that Lumpkin will separate his reading of the scripture from his decisions on the HRC is preposterous to many. "I am a child of the church," said Randy Miller. "What I was trained to believe was that ministers practice what they preach."

Miller also had little time for the idea that Lumpkin's comments are constitutionally protected. "The boundaries of this nation established the doctrine of separation of church and state to protect individual liberties *from* the tyranny of religion, and to protect religion *from* the tyranny of the state. It is a sad irony that...we have heard that, somehow, the religious bigotry of Rev. Lumpkin is, somehow, protected by the doctrine of the separation of church and state."

BLOOPERS: PART TWO

Lumpkin supporters do not have a monopoly on statements some would see as insensitive. When Robert Barnes and Matthew Rothschild of the Alice B. Toklas club were asked if they thought the pursuit of Lumpkin could be viewed as racially motivated, they angrily rejected the possibility.

"It is absurd," declared Rothschild. "The Latino Democratic Club, the Raoul Wallenberg Democratic Club and CUAV [who have taken stands against Lumpkin] are hardly racist organizations. It is appalling that African Americans would use racism as an excuse to support Rev. Lumpkin. It only demeans their credibility." Rothschild added, "Reverend Lumpkin preaches in his church intolerance and discrimination against gays and lesbians."

Robert Barnes dismissed the allegation that those attacking Lumpkin are racially insensitive. "We are not talking about racism. There are other forums to deal with racism. This forum is about homophobia." Barnes, too, cited a list of democratic clubs who oppose Lumpkin. "We have built a citywide coalition that says this man's statements have hurt the lesbian/gay community, and should be removed. Why is that racist? It is beyond me to understand that."

But what many African Americans remember best about Barnes is that he was the policito most responsible for leaving Willie Kennedy's name off a door-hanger during the last elections. "That caused some real hard feelings," said Osborne. "It does not mean that people were enormously supportive of Willie Kennedy. But she was the only African American running for supervisor and, because of that, should get a certain level of respect."

Osborne also noted that there is a tendency in the queer community to assume that the African-American community will support our issues, while at the same time it does not turn out in the streets for issues that affect people of color.

White insensitivity particularly enrages African Americans. When, at the Aug. 4 meeting, Terence Hallinan started telling Lumpkin supporters that he, too, had been on picket lines, and was active against racism during the civil rights movement, they exploded and started yelling for him not to "lecture" them. (Hallinan later admitted he had probably made a mistake.)

Why do such comments make the African-American community's blood boil? "Just about every time there is a real issue where white and Black are called into question about racism, people read a list of things they have done to indicate that 'you people' are my friends," said Flunder. "It usually infuriates the other side because it does not relate to the issue at hand." Blend that sort of itinerant insensitivity with a community on the defensive, plus an explosive issue like the Lum-

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pkin affair, and you have—well, you have what happened on Aug. 4. Lots of smoke, fire, anger, and precious little understanding.

NOW WHAT?

There may be hope for reconciliation. At the Hallinan hearing, even as Lefty Gordon—an African-American community organizer—made his plug for Lumpkin, he also made a plea for unity, "We have to look at a healing now. How are we going to work together?"

It was a plea everyone the *SF Bay Times* contacted was happy to support, on both sides of the fence—once the rhetoric and angry words were put aside. As Hallinan's hearing ended, little knots of African American and gay activists could be seen huddling in the hallway, talking.

Gay activist Ken McPherson bustled around trying to set up negotiations between gays and African Americans to discuss the Lumpkin affair. Afterwards, even Supervisor Hallinan was able to discuss the issue, at a somewhat lower decibel level, with African Americans who support Lumpkin.

Only Noah Griffin of the Mayor's office continued to point fingers, when asked what could be done to heal the rift. Griffin blasted Supervisor Hallinan's Aug. 4 hearing and the resolution urging the removal of Lumpkin, blaming them for much of the ill feeling. The resultant controversy, he said, "should not be placed at the mayor's desk, but at the door of Supervisor Hallinan's office."

Both sides remain far apart. For Jean Paul Samaha, of Supervisor Hallinan's office, the issue is still "justice before reconciliation." Yet Rev. Amos Brown and other religious backers of Lumpkin are equally adamant that Lumpkin must stay on at the HRC.

Trust must be built up between the communities, said Bob Nelson, director of the San Francisco Inter-Religious Coalition on AIDS. "We have to all work together to combat the epidemics of AIDS, drug use and poverty. If we don't work together, we will not be able to solve these problems and, instead, will spend our energy fighting each other... If any good can come out of this, we have realized this rift is very deep and we need to heal it."

Rev. Flunder said, "We need to sit down at the table and stop talking *at* each other and start talking *to* each other and find out where we do agree. I know these men. I know Amos Brown. I know them to be totally different than the way they came across the other day."

Lauri Irving agrees and said the only thing that will stop the fight will be if both communities quit blaming each other and focus on intracommunity work. "The African-American community is calling the gay community racist. It would be more effective if they stopped doing that and worked on their own homophobia," said Irving. "And the same is true of the gay community [around racism]."

"I am fortunate in working in the African-American community, where they have to deal with me, and I have to deal with them. It will be a slow painful process. But it will be worth sticking around for." ✿

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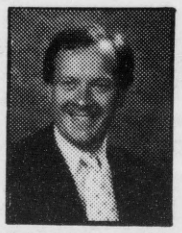

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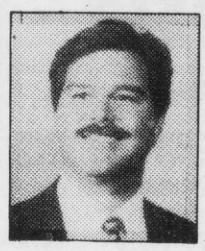
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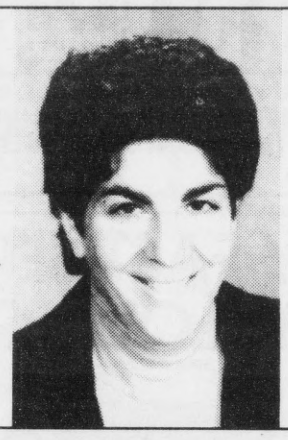

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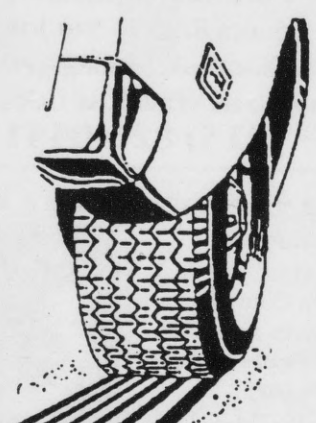

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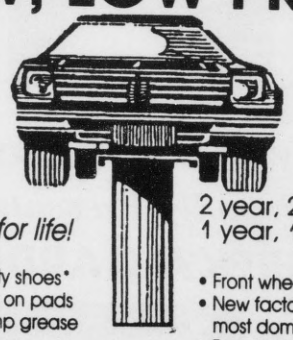

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The First Time I Felt Older

The first time I felt "older" was in 1978. I had just moved here from the Midwest. I went to a dance at the short-lived gay community center on Grove Street. It was my first and last time there. Not knowing what to expect, I wore my most universal, East-Side-West-Side-leather-jeans-and-cashmere outfit: loafers (no tassels), blue jeans, blue oxford, navy blue V-neck, and a not-too-severe leather jacket. The jacket was expensive enough not to be mistaken as belonging to riff-raff, but understated enough so as not to be ostentatious.

It turned out I was dressed for a party here on Earth, and this party was a "New Wave" affair from where no man has ever gone before. There were safety pins through flesh, magenta and puce hair, and shredded clothing. There was non-melodic, non-rhythmic, white-folks music. An undeniable popper and grass aroma took the blush off my Lauren. Most people there were in their twenties. And the little pricks were cocky about the outrageous condition they were in. Even though I was only in my early-early thirties, I was getting that unearthed, Jurassic Park feeling as I lumbered through the room. I was young and vital when I arrived, but my bones began creaking 20 paces inside the door. We're talking Johnny Mathis meets Billy Idol here!

I began to get that wounded look on my face. That look as if I had just smelled cooking cauliflower. No, it wasn't cauliflower. Someone passed by filling my nostrils with unmistakable Eau De 42nd Street Toilette. I decided they must have farted—no one could have intentionally left home smelling that way. The music was surely the first phase of some torture from Hell. It is hard to imagine another cacophonous sound so dreadful and deafening that it would have made me grateful for Lawrence Welk. Perhaps the DJ thought that making a big noise at eye-popping decibels beyond the endurance of the human ear drum would sound better.

I scoped the room for men both available and desirable. As every gay man knows, heaven is where that combination is in abundance. This was not heaven. I was overdressed and outdated in this alternative world, a world which had an exuberance and vitality I did not understand. Then I thought: Stop being so judgmental. Open up to new experiences, eat some alfalfa sprouts, let the California spirituality flow in. Just then, I felt a hand brush along, then cup the left cheek of my ass! This is an odd sensation when you don't know anyone in the room, and you thought a simple handshake would suffice.

I had three learned responses for such occasions: The "I'm too butch to pass a mustard seed" scowl, the "You haven't got enough meat to season my greens" sneer, or the "Oh, papacito" come-hither smile. I turned around to fix my face in a critical response. There was a little green-haired man smiling at me. He was short. He had missing teeth. He looked like a leprechaun. I felt something warm and wet. I smiled faintly and walked far away—out the door.

Fifteen years have passed. I still see people with magenta hair. The safety pins have turned to rings and other erotic adornments for piercing. I have become more familiar with what growing older can mean for gay men. Not feeling restless and

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A gay men's 1978 party at 330 Grove St: Perennial teenagers in a world that worships youth. Photo by Rink

anxious on Saturday night. Taking pleasure in a good night's sleep. There was a time when the party might have begun Friday night and not ended until I splashed some water wherever it might be needed Monday morning, and then went off to work. I will make do without the piercing. I can co-exist with the Boy look. If you think about it, growing older is the better of two alternatives.

Feeling old for some gay men is not feeling like prime beef; not being viewed as hot stuff on the runway of life. Some defy the process of growing old by going beyond taking care of themselves. They strike a pose as perennial teenagers in a world which worships youth. And, for some, the postponement of the inevitable is worth it. I'm just glad I had the good sense not to start wearing safety pins in my nose back in 1978.

Feeling old is more than just a state of mind. Old (in gay culture) is almost synonymous with unattractive and unworthy. Advocacy groups form to support mutual interests and celebrate difference beyond the youthful, fit look; i.e., G40+, Bears, BWMT, Girth and Mirth, etc. However, in addition to attracting some interesting and worthwhile people, special-interest groups can also attract the Dogs From Hell—people who would oppress and exploit that difference and others. Seemingly, there is no segment of society which is exempt from oppressing and being oppressed. We each have our houses to clean. Likewise, most organizations do not have a way of preventing oppressors from entering and, as a result, each group has some internal oppression to bear.

On the positive side, growing older brings greater financial stability, wisdom and focus in the lives of many. Along with a few wrinkles and some gray hair comes an enhanced appreciation for order and companionship. Growing older can bring some stability. People who are twenty-something have many major changes ahead of them which many of us who are forty-something already have put behind us. You know, things like career moves, divorces, deaths, trauma and hardship. There will be change ahead, but by 40, you get more accustomed to the tune the world is playing for you.

I have been amazed at how intelligent my mother has become as I have grown older. The woman never ceases to amaze me. One morning I called my mother to complain. "You didn't tell me about this!" "What?" she said. "I went to bed with a headache last night and woke up with a foot ache this morning!" "Don't worry! Before long, more than that is going to ache!" she laughed. Her wisdom knows no bounds. And our relationship has evolved into more than I ever would have anticipated in my younger years.

Growing older requires tremendous social and psychological adjustment. Some of us have had family or friends denounce us for our sexual orientation, only to have the gay community sneer and dismiss us for growing old. Upon inquiring about a mutual friend's well-being, a friend remarked, "Oh, he's had everything done! He's the most beautiful 60-year-old sissy you've ever seen in your life!"

This friend thought he had just given some clever shade. As each of us, in turn, becomes older, perhaps by carefully considering the only alternative to aging more of us will learn to respect, appreciate and celebrate what wisdom and focus the passing years bring. We need to listen to the unheralded and forgotten older members of our community as well—not just politically, but socially and spiritually. Not only for those around us, but for our own enrichment. After all, nowadays not all gays get to experience growing older—much less reaching 60. May you live long and prosper. ✿

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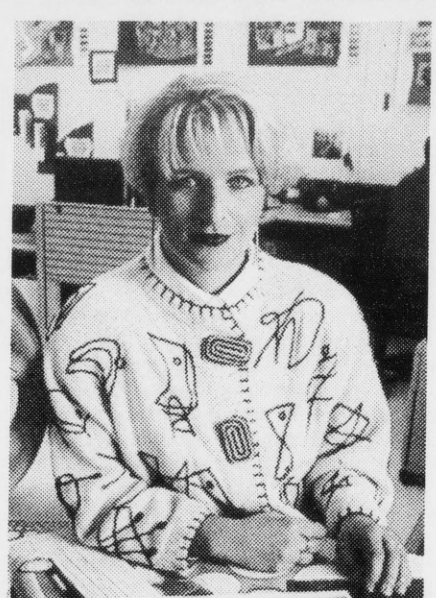
straight talk! by nan parks

Hi—It's me again with the straight point of view, and this time I have some questions about the gay soldier issue. Now I know that the compromise was not what everyone wanted and I understand that. Compromise is like that—but anyway. As my Mom always says—and actually just cause Mom says it doesn't mean much if you knew my mother—but some of the things she says are okay like this one: "Half a loaf is better than none." Can we all agree on that? Just on the loaf part I mean, not on the soldier part, but just on the loaf, assuming we are hungry and do in fact want a loaf or some part of a loaf. Okay.

Now Carol, my sister who is a lesbian, and I have been having this argument—I know it seems as if all Carol and I ever do is argue, but believe it or not we DO get along great in some ways and the other day we had to go shopping together at Nordstrom because my cousin's wedding is coming up and Carol's wardrobe contains exactly five pairs of IDENTICAL torn-up blue jeans plus a pair of black silk pants which are the ONLY thing she has to wear on any even slightly dressy occasion... and I told her she is not wearing those pants once again, particularly since Beth is getting married outdoors in late summer, and she let me take her shopping and we actually ended up laughing hysterically in the changing room where she had on a blue silk shift and these horrible black shoes that even her ex-girlfriend agrees are hideous... but you would have had to be there—it was just like any two sisters and we had a great time.

So Carol—who has protested every military action in the book and even protested Desert Storm which I personally believe was necessary—insists that Clinton has to lift the entire ban completely period. And I agree! I do! However, these things take time. So this compromise has some problems



—anyone can see that, except those who really do not like homosexuality and I'm well aware there are many intolerant people out there—but it's better than the total ban right? It's the half a loaf business again. At least the homosexuals in the military can breathe a little easier, and at least we're one step closer to letting everyone be the same. Isn't that better than nothing? Considering that all those Joint Chiefs and senators didn't even want any part of the ban lifted, isn't this a step in the right direction?

So Carol says: "You can't compromise on principle." Well those are fine words of course but this is a political land mine as they say for Clinton who has to do a lot of things for a lot of people and not just the gays but all those unemployed folks and the people without health insurance and so forth, so I pointed out to Carol that the man has to put everything into a larger context, and she said that that was just the type of excuse that had been used for years to delay progress on civil rights and that the same thing could have been said when Truman allowed Blacks in the army which no one wanted but he just did it, and Doug pointed out that the political world is more complex than it was in Truman's day, and Carol said that political leadership is just weaker than it was in Truman's day because all the fingers are on all the polls so to speak and politics is run by media and public opinion rather than individual courage (which according to Carol sometimes seems to be an exclusive property of lesbians as if the rest of us are never tested by life. Even Doug, who might be mad if I wrote this since it's sort of private, but makes a point so I'll go ahead... he was in a very important meeting the other day, and you'd have to know the whole story to really understand but this one project at work had taken a year and cost a lot of money and Doug just felt it was a bad decision and should be scrapped completely which could have put him out of a job and anyway he said that even though it made him and a really good friend of ours look really bad, and he worried a lot about what to do... anyway it took a lot of courage for him to do it, and I saw how much he struggled with it so I know that courage is necessary in little ways that people don't see—not just in political protests, which are Carol's forte—sermon over!)

Anyway, my question boils down to this: even though the loaf as it were was not delivered... isn't the gay soldier a little better off thanks to Clinton? And given that the matter seems to be decided for the moment, isn't that better than nothing? I'm not suggesting that you folks be satisfied with that but why not be patient? Carol says, "We've been patient for a hundred years!" So I say, "What's a few more? Aren't things starting to change?" But as usual Carol says I am missing the point! Then Doug said that Carol wouldn't join the military if she were assigned to the oral sex squadron anyway so how did she reconcile her viewpoints—and Carol said maybe she would in fact join the military if such a position was available so we all sort of degenerated and the subject was dropped. ✿

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Asylum Granted to Brazilian Gay Man

SAN FRANCISCO - In the first ruling of its kind, an immigration judge has granted a request for asylum from a Brazilian gay man who had been persecuted in his own country because he was an out queer.

In a recent decision, Judge Philip Leadbetter ruled that San Francisco resident Marcelo Tonorio was eligible for asylum based on a well-founded fear of persecution on account of membership in a particular social group.

In 1989, Tenorio was stabbed and badly beaten in a homophobic attack outside a Rio de Janeiro gay disco. Fearing for his life, he fled to Mexico and entered the U.S. illegally in 1990. He was arrested by the Immigration and Naturalization Service last year and threatened with deportation. Leadbetter's decision allows Tenorio the right to remain in the country.

Says Tenorio, "I am thrilled not only for myself, but also for other gay people who are seeking asylum in this country."

Cuban Caravan Members Go on Hunger Strike

LAREDO - After the U.S. Customs Service seized and confiscated a school bus designated for youth programs at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Havana, Cuba, the 14 passengers, including an 86-year-old man, three clergymembers and a Cuban American student, declared a hunger strike.

The bus is part of a caravan that plans to get supplies into Cuba in defiance of the U.S. embargo against that country. The caravan is sponsored by Pastors for Peace.

The passengers say they will remain with the bus until it is released. Says Rev. Lucius Walker, director of Pastors for Peace, "We are being held as political hostages, confined to this little yellow school bus by the U.S. government, which refuses to recognize our right to carry humanitarian aid to a country which is not our enemy and with which we are not at war."

Ninety vehicles and 100 tons of aid are waiting on the Mexican side of the border.

In a released statement, Rev. Jesse Jackson called on President "Slick Willie" Clinton to end the unjust embargo against Cuba. "This is a ripe moment for change that is long overdue, and we urge the president to seize this moment."

Bay Area politicians—among them, Supv. Terence Hallinan and Maudelle Shirek of the Berkeley City Council—also called for the bus to be released.

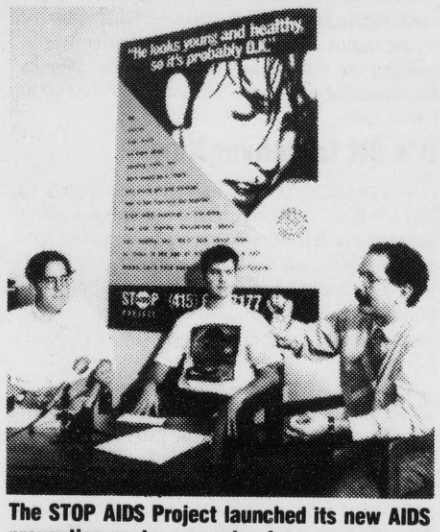
LAPD Goes After Leather Folks

LOS ANGELES - The Coalition for Justice has formed in the City of Angels to respond to an April 4 police raid against a leather club called the Dragonfly, which is attended by many queers. Twenty men and women were arrested at the raid for what police called "lewd conduct."

Members of the coalition say that the incident was a "blatant waste of taxpayers' money" as well as a violation of civil rights. The coalition would appreciate letters of complaint sent to: Jimmy Hahn, city attorney, 1800 City Hall East, 200 North Main St., LA 90012; Mayor Richard Riordan and Councilmember Jackie Holdberg, 200 North Spring St., LA 90012; and Chief of Police Willie Williams, 150 North Los Angeles St., Room 615, LA 90012.

Queer Journalists to Meet

NEW YORK - More than 500 lesbian and gay journalists from the networks, national newspapers and magazines, and local print and broadcast outlets from across the country are expected in the Big Apple Sept. 10-12 for the second annual gathering of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association.



The STOP AIDS Project launched its new AIDS prevention poster campaign for young gay and bisexual men, attempting to reach the large numbers of men who still engage in unsafe sex.

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The conference, titled "Inside and Out: Lesbians and Gays in the Newsroom—and in the News," will focus on the treatment of lesbian and gay issues in the media in dozens of panel discussions throughout the three-day meeting.

A host of big names from the straight media, including Arthur Sulzberger, Jr. (publisher of the *New York Times*), newscaster Tom Brokaw and Robert MacNeil will attend. Add to that list the queer celebs: Roberta Achtenberg (former SF supervisor), Jose Zuniga (the latest pinup boy for the Lift the Ban cause) and dyke columnist Deb Price of the *Detroit News*.

To top it all off, the association promises a first this year: a job fair with recruiting by the major networks and publishers. Have we arrived or what?

The Fundies Are at It Again

LANCASTER - Ty and Jeannette Beeson of Lancaster, Calif., (not Pennsylvania, though you tell me the difference!), are fed up with the liberals in the media who promote the idea that gays are "born that way."

The two hets, who publish a new fundie rag called *The Report*, inform us in their first issue that they have a new video (on the heels of their blockbuster hits *The Gay Agenda* and *The Gay Agenda in Public Education*). It reveals the truth about the June pride parades in West Hollywood, New York and San Francisco. As if they would know the truth if it hit them over the head with a burning Bible.

Their newsletter is a gem. The KKK would be proud. Here's a tasty excerpt: "Perhaps, given the range of diseases associated with being 'gay,' it is more appropriate to refer to it as the homosexual 'deathstyle,' as one congressman recently suggested."

Need to throw up lunch? Here's another choice quote from the Beeson babes: "We wonder: were homosexuals also 'born' with a tendency to stage lewd exhibitions in the streets of our major cities?"

For more info, write the delightful duo at 42640 10th Street West, Lancaster, CA 93534, or call them at (805) 945-8786.

Military Campaign to Shut Down

WASHINGTON - The Campaign for Military Service, the coalition founded in February 1993 to generate public and congressional support for the lifting of the ban against gays and lesbians in the armed forces, is shutting down operations.

President Slick Willie Clinton retreated from his oft-repeated campaign promise to issue an executive order lifting the ban and instead announced his support for the Sam Nunn/Colin Powell compromise allowing gays and lesbians in the military as long as they remain in the closet. Conservative members of Congress now plan to codify the compromise policy into law.

"We waged a vigorous campaign, but by the end we had lost our candidate," said Campaign head Thomas Stoddard. Though the Campaign is shutting down, the fight for the lifting of the ban will continue with other organizations, including the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Meanwhile, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund have joined to file suit in D.C. district court against Slick Willie's in-the-closet military policy. The groups charge that the policy violates "the most valued principles embodied in the U.S. Constitution."

Naming Defense Secretary Les Aspin as a defendant, the suit states, "The central promise of our Constitution is that American citizens should be judged according to their abilities—not their skin color, their gender or their sexual orientation," according to ACLU National Lesbian and Gay Rights Project Director William B. Rubenstein.

Settlement for Proud Black Queers

CHICAGO - Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has negotiated a settlement in its suit against the Windy City's 64th annual Bud Billiken Parade and Picnic, which excluded the Ad-Hoc Committee of Proud Black Lesbians and Gays. The parade is billed as the country's largest celebration based in the African American community.

"Today's settlement allows the Ad Hoc Committee to march as rightful members of the African American community in the...parade," said Jennifer Spruill, the Lambda attorney who negotiated the settlement.

According to Karen Hutt of the Ad-Hoc Committee, the parade "offers an important opportunity for members to be visible to the larger African American community, and, by our very presence, to educate people that we are family members, plumbers, writers, teachers, and members of every part of our community."

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Clemency for Battered Women

SACRAMENTO - The resolution from Assemblymember John Burton (D-SF) concerning clemency for battered women who kill their abusive partners was unanimously supported by the legislature and has been adopted and chaptered into law by the secretary of state.

"The legislature has issued a strong statement that the governor should use his clemency power on behalf of battered women who are in prison for defending themselves against abusive partners," Burton said.

The resolution requests that the governor direct the Board of Prison Terms to identify and investigate all cases of battered women in California prisons who are serving time for killing or assaulting their abusive partners, and to make recommendations to the governor regarding commutation on those cases. The governor has six months to make those recommendations, according to the resolution.

To date Gov. Pete Wilson has commuted the sentences of two women and rejected 14 others.

Catholic Priest Marries Queer Couples

CINCINNATI - A Catholic priest who performed some sort of wedding-like ceremony for queer couples is being burnt at the stake (excuse the expression) by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

The chancellor of the archdiocese says that Rev. Michael Paraniuk denies "his actions were intended to be marriage ceremonies." Paraniuk will not discuss his ceremonies. And the church would not specify what actions are being taken against the maverick priest.

"There's too much at stake in this," Paraniuk did say. "Everyone I've ever done, I've said must be secret."

Racist & Homophobic, Too?

SEATTLE - One of the three men charged with the bombing of an NAACP hall says he participated in the pipe bombing of a gay bar only days after the racist attack.

The man, Mark Frank Kowalski, along with his two buddies, Philip Sweigert and Jeremiah Gordon Knesal, belongs to a neo-Nazi group called the Church of the Creator. They allegedly planned, through a host of attacks against synagogues and rap artists, among others, to start race wars.

Amendment 2 Goes To Trial in October

DENVER - The state wants a delay in the trial of the Colorado anti-gay-rights law, Amendment 2, but District Judge Jeffrey Bayless says it's clear sailing for Oct. 12. The law was approved by voters in November, but an injunction is keeping it from being enforced until a ruling on its constitutionality can be determined.

Meanwhile, a national boycott of Colorado is under way, with major cities and celebs nixing any travel to the land of bigotry.

"The primary concern (is that the) people deserve a final decision," says Bayless. "That's what the court remains focused on."

Finally, the American Booksellers Association is donating $10,000 to the ACLU of Colorado to aid in its battle against Amendment 2. The ACLU estimates that it will spend $75,000 in the fight against the legislated bigotry.

Madness Continues in Oregon

COTTAGE GROVE - The madness continues in Oregon, in the wake of the Oregon Citizens Alliance's attempts to pass anti-gay-rights initiatives throughout the state. The fundamentalist group was thwarted in its bid last year to pass a statewide law similar to Colorado's. This year, its strategy has been to put initiatives on the ballot in every city and county in the state.

Cottage Grove has put its anti-gay-rights intiative on hold until the constitutionality of such a law can be determined. And the American Civil Liberties Union is challenging a recently enacted initiative in Linn County.

All this despite the fact that the Oregon Legislature recently passed a bill prohibiting the enforcement of the Citizens Alliance's anti-gay-rights measures. Gov. Barbara Roberts signed the bill. The alliance is promising a court challenge. But the scheduled fall initiative votes are proceeding in some counties.

Meanwhile, fundies in Arizona are starting a campaign to put a similar anti-gay-rights initiative on the ballot in their state. The initiative would prohibit the state or any of its cities or counties from passing gay rights measures. Welcome to 1984, folks.

It's Off to Denver Now

SAN FRANCISCO - The indefatigable Bay Area Pro-Choice Coalition is on the move again. After successfully defending women's rights in San Jose against Operation Rescue, the coalition is traveling to Denver, where the anti-choice folks are planning to attack clinics in conjunction with the visit of Pope John Paul (George Ringo?) II Aug. 12-16.

The Cafe at Market/Castro sponsored a special rousing send-off for this "caravan for choice" on Aug. 9. Among the bullies the pro-choice group faces in Denver: Operation Rescue, Rescue America, Lambs of Christ, Collegians Activated to Liberate Life, the ProLife Action League and ProLife Action Network.

Stay tuned.

From Politics to Ponytails

SAN FRANCISCO - *InsideOUT*, the international lesbian/gay/bisexual youth newsmagazine that "gives you the inside scoop on queer kid issues from politics to ponytails," announces the release of its special "Young Wimmin" issue.

The special issue covers topics such as young women and HIV, bisexual feminism, the portrayal of young lesbians in the mainstream media, and the regular coverage of national and world news about lesbian/gay/bisexual youth.

In its third year, *InsideOUT* is run entirely by a diverse staff of young people 16-23, with writers in San Francisco, Washington, Seattle and New York. Copies of the latest issue are available at A Different Light and Old Wives' Tales in San Francisco; Mama Bears in Oakland; and Sisterspirit in San Jose. For more info, write c/o BASMYN, Box 460268, San Francisco, CA 94146-0268.

Seeking Teens of Lesbian Mothers

SAN FRANCISCO - Researchers at the University of California San Francisco are looking for teenage volunteers to participate in a study on the psychological adjustment of children of lesbian mothers.

One important aspect of the study will be examining the child's own first-hand experiences in growing up in a lesbian-headed household, according to Dr. Tamar Gershon, study coordinator and a UCSF pediatrics fellow.

Study participants must be between 12 and 16 years old and live with their biological mothers, who are lesbians who are out to them. Parental consent is required, and all research data will be kept confidential. There is no payment to participants. If interested, call Gershon at (415) 476-1777.

Bits & Pieces I: Local

• Queer lawyer mentors are being sought to advise students about law school, life after law school, recruiting, resumes, etc. Attorneys in Santa Clara, Palo Alto, Davis and Sacramento are especially encouraged to participate. The mentor program brings together lesbian/gay/bisexual law students with lesbian/gay/bisexual lawyers. For info, contact the BALIF (Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom) Mentor Program, Box 421983, SF 94142-1983.

• The Lambda Letters Project was formed in 1988 to help people write letters to their legislators on women's issues, lesbian/gay/bisexual concerns, and HIV/AIDS issues. To become a member or to obtain more info, call (916) 965-6851 or write: 6212 Silverton Way, Carmichael, CA 95608.

• Bymun Associates, an informational software development firm, has introduced a compact disc read-only memory based AIDS and HIV database, which allows physicians to have the latest information at their fingertips. For info, contact Bymun Associates/AIDSSCAN, Box 28691, Oakland, CA 94604 or fax/voice mail (510) 839-9273.

• The San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation has formed a North Bay Division. The chapter covers Marin, Mendocino, Napa and Sonoma counties, and will monitor media in those areas to ensure fair and accurate representation of issues pertaining to the gay/lesbian/bisexual community. The North Bay Division holds its regular membership meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is Aug. 17 at 7:30 pm. Call Kenny Altman at (415) 647-3055 for details. The group's first event—a showing of two homophobic films—is on Aug. 21, noon to 2 pm, at the Marin Fellowship of Unitarians, 240 Channing Way, San Rafael. A $5 donation is suggested.

• The AIDS Emergency Fund's penny donation jars will be the target of an Aug. 26 "Pennies Day" promotion. A "pennies drop" will take place in Justin Herman Plaza to music by a band. The Pennies campaign was started six years ago and is the country's most effective grassroots campaign to help the fight against AIDS. So dig into those piggy banks, kids.

• Clairelight women's books in Santa Rosa has instituted a new program of displaying the works of local artists. Starting off the program is Renee Frances Brown, a New York native who has lived in Sonoma County for two years. Clairelight is located on Mendocino and Seventh in downtown Santa Rosa. Phone: (707) 575-8879.

• Chevron Corporation is now on record opposing discrimination based on sexual orientation. The company also recently added sexual orientation to its policy protecting employees from sexual harassment in the workplace. The changes were applauded by the Chevron Lesbian and Gay Employees Association, which was founded in October 1991.

• Volunteers are needed to help elect California's first out gay assemblymember, former Santa

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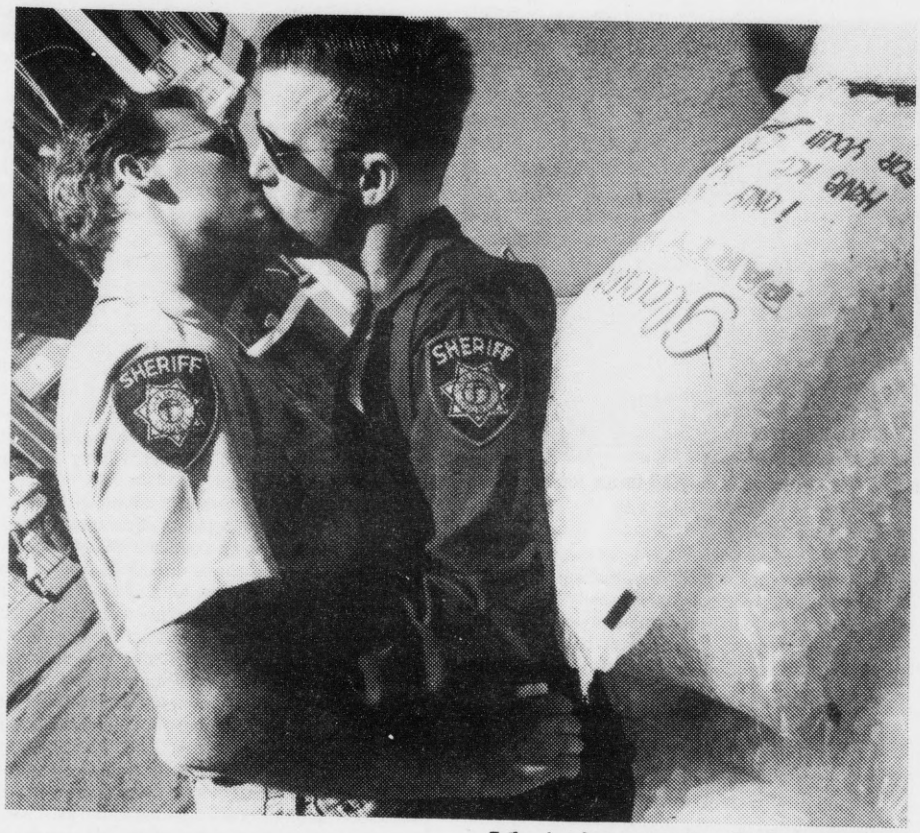

Enforcing free expression: The Dore Alley Fair.
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Cruz mayor and Santa Cruz AIDS Project Director John Laird. Contact Campaign Field Director Tai Mamoe at (408) 454-9244.

• *Venus Infers*, a new magazine by and for leatherwomen, published its premiere issue in June. The 48-page, glossy-covered volume contains erotic fiction, pictorials, poetry, interviews, non-fiction, essays and columns on S/M-related news. The next issue will be out Sept. 15. For more info, write VI, 2215-R Market St., Suite 294, SF 94114. Available at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro.

Bits & Pieces II: National

• In September, the Body Shop will launch its own condom and lubricant with a major educational outreach campaign designed to increase awareness of HIV and AIDS and compassion for those affected, particularly women, who form 90 percent of the chain's customers. The campaign will be featured in the chain's 150 stores throughout the country. All profits from the products will benefit AIDS organizations. In addition, the chain will distribute free safer-sex leaflets and broader HIV/AIDS educational materials.

• Stadlanders Pharmacy, a nationwide chain specializing in care for individuals challenged by HIV and AIDS, has opened a nonprofit HIV resource center. The center is at 45 Harbor Walk in the Fire Island pines, off Long Island, New York. It will be open this summer to serve the large numbers of people visiting the Pines and Cherry Grove, two popular gay resort communities on Fire Island, which have been seriously impacted by the HIV epidemic. For more info, call Lisa Fischetti at (412) 824-2487.

• The recent defeat of the gay rights bill in Rhode Island has led to a plethora of new queer groups, including Simple Justice, Rhode Island Veterans for Justice and the Rhode Island Gay and Lesbian News Bureau. Says Mark King of the Rhode Island Alliance for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights, "Any time we suffer a defeat like that, in which it's very close, there's a lot of anger." And well there should be!

• Queers in Columbus, Ohio, are fighting mad over the remarks of Billy Inmon, a candidate for governor, who says that while he's not anti-gay, he feels gay lifestyles are a "perversion." He also says that homosexuality is unnatural. Doublespeak, anyone? Inmon's campaign includes opposition to "special rights for homosexuals." "This is America," says Inmon, "and people are entitled to go to bed with who they wish, and I am not for harming or bashing these people. However, don't ask good, decent people to create laws that advocate or endorse such a lifestyle."

• A gay male couple in Duluth, Minn., is taking their desire to be married to court. They are hoping they'll be joined in their effort by other same-sex couples. But, meanwhile, the two men—Doug Benson and Duane Gajewski—aren't holding their breath waiting for the day when they can legally exchange vows. Says Benson, "This could be tied up in courts for years." Meanwhile, all eyes and ears are trained on Hawaii, where a queer court challenge has netted a positive result. The Hawaii decision is now in the hands of a lower court.

• The owner of a convenience store in Burley, Idaho, is battling with the head of the ultra-conservative Idaho Citizen's Alliance because the fundie group is offended by the porno mags the store sells. The alliance, meanwhile, sells bigotry of the anti-gay variety, currently pushing for a statewide ordinance that would ban so-called special rights for queers. The two men plan to meet and discuss ways of working out their differences.

• Are you ready for this one? Some female basketball players are avoiding the University of Texas because it's reputed to have a lot of lesbians in its sports program, according to a story in the Austin *American-Statesman*. Among those fearful of those "damned lesbians" is reportedly Texas Tech star Sheryl Swoopes.

Here's a surprise: Spokane's Gonzaga University, a Catholic institution run by Jesuits, won't recognize a gay/lesbian group on campus. "If the gay and lesbian association uses the name Gonzaga and receives financial support, then the university is perceived as giving support to the broader gay-rights movement," said a university spokesperson.

Bits & Pieces III: International

• In an unprecedented move, the French government has extended medical benefits to the queer partners of non-working folks and to jobless adults living with their parents. The way it works is that a person who has worked within the past three years can claim one person living off of his/her salary. French gay activists feel it will help PWAs get better coverage.

Associated Press also contributed to this report. ✿

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Letters...

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much more than the fact that some "special" (Barf! Since when are civil rights "special"?) accessibility need wasn't met. And more importantly it speaks to why this is not my primary movement. Because this movement does not understand, much less include, my issues as a dyke with a disability in any comprehensive way. As I read your article, parallels to the racial issues you covered came to mind in terms of disability oppression (handicappism). Though it wasn't about disability, I felt empowered in this strange way.

I find it ironic that even as many non-disabled queers are now becoming disabled or face potential disability because of AIDS, they still have no interest in understanding disability in a civil rights context. It's such a joke (or maybe more like a slap in the face) because the disability rights movement made it a priority for people who have AIDS or who are HIV-positive to be included in protections under the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 and the queer movement still does not have the slightest clue about disability or self-determination issues. Most who have AIDS or HIV do not want to claim the label "disabled." Oh no, they're "sick" or "infirm"—much more empowering language, don't you think? I still read articles that refer to "victims" of AIDS who are "bedbound" (what, are they into S/M? bound to the bed?), etc.

It's hard to say what's worse, the invisibility or the misrepresentation. I personally feel invisible every time I look in the Calendar and hardly any of the events list whether or not they're wheelchair accessible, whether they're going to be ASL interpreted, or whether they ask folks not to wear scents. Would it be so difficult for it to become a matter of course for this to be a part of listing an event in the Calendar? If events are not advertised as accessible that says to me that the organizers really don't care if queers with disabilities participate or not. The last time I showed up at an inaccessible event (it was up a flight of stairs), I asked the dykes I was with rather sarcastically, "Now why am I a lesbian?" And then I remembered that, like having my disability, I was born this way.

While invisibility doesn't feel very good, at least it's not as dangerous as misrepresentation. Distortion often happens when there is not a sufficient level of understanding of the issues on the part of a reporter. Throughout the entire Sharon Kowalski case, I felt as if I was completely alone in asking, "Why does anyone need to be her guardian? Why can't she be in control of her own affairs? Why isn't Karen Thompson working for that, for her lover to be independent?" (When I met with her in 1985 or '86 and asked her this same question, she just looked at me like I was from Mars.) The queer community was just like the rest of non-disabled Middle America, insisting that poor crippled Sharon needed someone to take care of her. And what does our community think of the fact that when Sharon was liberated from the nursing home she returned to live with Karen and Karen's new lover in their new home? I was a little unnerved, but not surprised to discover this lovely fact not in a queer rag, but in *No Pity*, a new book that chronicles the disability civil rights movement. Does the queer community toe the line with the non-disabled culture that believes that "Well, Karen has needs and Sharon just can't satisfy her lover anymore!" Blech! I don't have to describe to you how icky it feels to face such oppressive attitudes within your own community.

Individuals need to make commitments to educate themselves and the queer community needs to stop giving lip-service to diversity and include the needs and issues of all of its members in its agendas for social change.

Nancy Ferreyra
Berkeley

Supervisor Susan Leal (3rd from right) meets with GAPA members at a July 28 forum for the Asian community. Photo by Rink

Sure It's Racism?

The following is an open letter to Thom Bean:

It was with great sadness that I read of the problems Parade Grand Marshal/PWA Marlon Riggs experienced with his designated driver at the outset of the parade. But "Queer Monoculture on Parade" (*SF Bay Times*, July 15) left me wondering if the problem really stemmed from racism itself, or if perhaps the problem might have emanated from some other source (in view of the circumstances, perhaps the driver had a hangover?), or simply the fact that the personalities involved may have played a greater part than you would have us believe.

Your article went to great lengths to chronicle the supposed racist event, but somehow fell short of actually pointing out where any racism may have occurred. You then went into great detail on what you believe the problem really was, making the kinds of general remarks about whites usually reserved for social studies courses in community colleges. This is where I knew I had to comment, because the tone of your article didn't seem balanced and objective at all.

Instead of offering any real enlightenment, you jumped to conclusions by putting forth opinions which, if made in reverse, would not have made it into print. Unfortunately, your enthusiastic finger-pointing did nothing toward acknowledging that racial indifference happens in the whole community, not just among whites. White vilification by Blacks is a common theme, while the obvious responsibility that Blacks need to share equally is often ignored. That's *responsibility*, not "victimization."

Your article might have taken the opportunity to point out where integration and homogenization is taking place in our community instead of focusing on where it is not. You might have reported on how successful the parade was rather than on one questionable event you so readily deemed as racial. In conclusion, I think many whites are tired of hearing how racist they are when, in fact, many of them are not.

Sam Mather
San Francisco

Exclusively "Queer"

I write in response to the letter "More Than the Panel" (*SF Bay Times*, July 29). I attended the forum, "Gay vs. Queer," sponsored by GLAAD/SFBA on June 19. GLAAD's response to Anne Ogborn's letter ("GLAAD's Transphobia," *SF Bay Times*, July 1) is not only patronizing to Anne and transphobic politically, but it also distorts the facts and rewrites history.

Nowhere does GLAAD attempt to understand the anger that Anne and her drag sister had upon learning that a debate on the use of the term queer did not include bisexuals and transgendered people. "The primary consideration in choosing panel participants was their public position on 'Gay vs. Queer'," GLAAD says. Is it GLAAD's position that bisexuals and transgendered people have nothing to say about identifying as queer?! As a radical, bisexual dyke, I was angry too. If I were a transgendered person, I'd really be pissed.

GLAAD states that Anne failed to "educate those attending about transgendered issues." In fact, Anne eloquently and, yes, loudly explained how Dr. Donald Tarver—a panelist at the forum—makes his living off the victimization and abuse of transgendered people by classifying them as "sick" and "mentally ill."

Nowhere does GLAAD respond to Anne's point regarding the moderator's arrogant remark after Anne spoke in discussion when he flippantly said, "Thank you for sharing," before handing the mike to someone else. That moderator has known and worked with Anne and with me, and he has had the benefit of being exposed to a great deal of transgender and bisexual consciousness-raising. He knew better. And GLAAD should have known better than to condone this transphobic behavior by misstating the facts in their letter.

Furthermore, it was a self-serving distortion for GLAAD to take the behavior of two transgendered people and lump them together as though they were one person. I was sitting directly in front of Anne at the forum and I know for a fact that she did not "refer to one man as being 'just a fag'." The tactic of trying to pit Anne against her drag sister when Anne publicly challenged GLAAD in writing to correct their transphobia is an unprincipled one.

There are many examples of such misrepresentations in GLAAD's letter, but the details are not really that important. The reality is that the letter continues in the same transphobic vein as the attitude of GLAAD organizers at the forum. I gave GLAAD the benefit of the doubt after the forum and chalked it up to ignorance. Their letter, however, is a thoughtfully written piece of transphobia.

GLAAD has the audacity to preach to Anne about what "she must learn" and to say that she is an "inexperienced activist." As most transgendered people, Anne has been an activist for her entire life. To do otherwise means not to survive in a way that even gays, lesbians and bisexuals can't even begin to comprehend. GLAAD then has the nerve to criticize "vicious in-fighting, attacks and character assassination."

I can't help but point out that GLAAD stands for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. How does GLAAD justify attacking and assassinating the character of one of the transgender community's most outspoken activists? How exactly does GLAAD define defamation?

I take issue with GLAAD's statement in its *SF Bay Times* letter, "We recognize that we have much to learn about bisexual and transgender issues." GLAAD recognizes very little.

I'm tired of chalking it up to ignorance. I agree with Anne: GLAAD needs to clean up its act.

Kathy Seeley
San Francisco

Otherwise Well-Meaning?

I find it difficult to imagine what prompted GLAAD/SFBA's letter attacking me in the July 29 *SF Bay Times* ("More Than the Panel), or believe it actually represents their position. As of Aug. 6, I have received no official apology or disavowal of

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A informational picket organized by various Asian organizations took place at the Galaxy Theatre on July 30 to protest the movie "Rising Sun," which is seen as portraying racist and sexist images. Photo by Rink

involvement from GLAAD, so I am reluctantly forced to assume that it does.

The attacks against me do not deserve an answer. I reiterate my charges of bi- and transphobia within GLAAD/SFBA, charges which GLAAD has yet to respond to.

GLAAD's name—Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation—attempts to limit the ownership of the queer community to gay men and lesbians. Bisexuals and transgendered people are left to fend for themselves. During the panel (I am told), GLAAD's moderator was challenged about the name, but made only a flippant response.

GLAAD has a long history of working to make transgendered and bisexual people invisible by redefining incidents of media defamation of bisexual and transgendered people as "gay" bashing.

GLAAD's failure to include a single bisexual or transgendered person on the panel of the "Gay vs. Queer" forum shows a striking lack of understanding of the interaction between this debate and the struggle of bisexual and transgendered people for their rights.

GLAAD included as a panelist a psychiatrist, one of a group whom many transgendered people (not just myself) see as a colonizer of the transgender community.

The moderator's "Thanks for sharing" comment, and the attempt to portray my protest as "inappropriate" behavior in GLAAD's letter, has furthered our psychiatric colonization by trying to portray me as mentally ill.

GLAAD has allowed itself to be used as a vehicle to carry on a personal vendetta against an individual drag at the expense of the entire queer community. Allen Carson and Ken Bunch (Sister Vicious) have a longstanding, dragphobia-inspired feud.

Unlike the gay and lesbian community, the transgender community has relatively few effective activists. My loss would be felt, as would Ken's. Yet GLAAD has carelessly smeared me in print. When I see attacks on individuals being made at the expense of a community, I wonder if the attacker is a friend of that community.

The patronizing tone of the closing paragraphs of GLAAD's letter treats me, and by extension all transgendered people, as less than full humans and capable of leading our own lives. GLAAD dismisses me as an inexperienced activist, while saying I am very effective. Is this transphobia, or just garden variety "hysterical woman" sexism?

Besides assumptions about competence, GLAAD fails to see or treat minority group members (transgendered people) as individuals. Clearly, GLAAD has tried to lump Ken's behavior and mine in a group. Actually, we simply ran into each other just prior to the forum. He was not my "companion." Ken made the suggestion that one assimilationist panelist choose "fag" if he disliked both "gay" and "queer." That statement sounds quite different coming from a gay man than from a transsexual woman. GLAAD's failure to differentiate between Ken and myself is on the level of "all of them look alike."

GLAAD says that Ken and I, by walking out, "deprived (our)selves of the opportunity to engage (our) critics in meaningful debate, which was what the forum was all about." Sorry folks, the debate was supposedly "Gay vs. Queer," not "Are Transsexuals Human?" The assumption that every public appearance of a transgendered person is a venue for discussing the validity of transgendered identity is transphobic.

GLAAD has stated in its letter that by walking out Ken and I deprived ourselves of the opportunity to hear "voices of support." Transgendered people want real, concrete change, not to hear "voices of support." GLAAD's lack of understanding of that is transphobic.

GLAAD contradicts itself when it decides it has nothing to apologize for, then says it "(has) much to learn about bisexual and transgendered issues." I think it has said more truth than it intended when it called itself, "otherwise well-meaning." GLAAD is not well-meaning toward transgendered and bisexual people.

GLAAD tries to portray itself as open and accessible to bisexual and transgendered people. Yet it invited me to participate in GLAAD only if I am willing to "make a commitment to work with (them) constructively." Presumably someone who is "really" part of GLAAD will decide if I am being constructive. This paragraph also assumes that GLAAD has some claim on my time, and that I bear the responsibility for educating GLAAD about transgender issues. I remain quite willing to assist GLAAD in overcoming transphobia, but not to do GLAAD's work for it. My attempts to arrange a meeting with GLAAD have been rebuffed.

I am again calling on GLAAD to clean up its act.

I am calling on GLAAD to publicly apologize for both incidents. Such an apology would discredit transphobia, and would repair some, although certainly not all, of the bad work done by its acts.

I am calling on GLAAD to examine its internal politics, determine what factors led to the incidents, and make definite, systemic changes within the organization to prevent a repeat of the incidents.

I am calling on GLAAD to share real power within GLAAD with bisexual and transgendered people.

I am calling on GLAAD to report the nature of those changes to the larger community through the queer press.

I would be happy to continue to assist in this process by whatever means necessary.

Anne Ogborn
San Francisco

Just Closeted FTMs

A small but highly vocal minority has been attacking the MTF community for years. These women—whom I will call the radical separatists, or rad seps—are quick to point out how tirelessly they are defending their community from the "invaders." I would like to point out that they are really defending their own personal interests.

Separatism is not new. From Moses leading the Exodus out of Egypt to the struggles of the Irish Republican Army, history is replete with people yearning to get away from the Big Oppressor. But once the leaders of the breakaway group have taken their community to their own version of the promised land, those leaders more often than not become the Little Oppressors.

This country of ours was practically founded on the basis of separatism. Faced with religious persecution, the early colonists came over here to practice their faith their own way. And generally, with the notable exception of Rhode Island, they began the same kind of religious intolerance they had just escaped from.

And now the rad seps want to create their own private world, for them and their followers. A society with patriarchal overtones, where the leaders decide what are the right and acceptable politics.

Rad seps are marginally transgendered. They are the FTM equivalent of the MTF drag queens. Unable to admit they are taking on the role of the oppressor, they rant and rave about their imagined enemies to distract attention from themselves.

The truly tragic thing is that the greater transgender community would welcome the rad seps with open arms if only they would come out to themselves and others, stop the attacks, and make up for the damage done.

In Michigan, it's Womyn's Music Festival time again, and the rad seps will once more be tilting at windmills. I am anxiously awaiting news of this event, as I heard the MTFs will be there, fighting back. The rad seps are frightened of anyone who understands the finer points of gender. I hope they only succeed in making themselves look stupid.

Kathy Jones
San Francisco

Diluting Our Strength

I was at first excited to read in the calendar of events that Whiptail Lizard Lounge was hosting a dyke separatist space. Then I got to the line, "All non-sadomasochistic, etc...." I was instantly offended and outraged.

It seems to me that our community is small enough and divided enough that we needn't impose exclusionary guidelines on the spaces we are able to achieve. The straight, male-dominated society excludes, denies and stereotypes us. Why do the same to our S/M sisters?

Most S/M players are intelligent, open-minded, kind, loving people; not perverted violent freaks. S/M is consensual; violence is not. Instead of falling prey to preconceived notions about acceptable sex vs. non-acceptable sex, maybe we should put together our power and try to learn from one another.

S/M dykes are dykes nonetheless. By separating from S/M dykes along with men, etc., you are contradicting your use of the term "dyke" in "dyke separatist," as well as diluting the strength of the group as a whole.

Perhaps the heading, "Acceptable Mainstream Dyke Separatist Space" would have been more honest and appropriate.

Stephanie M. Garcia
San Francisco

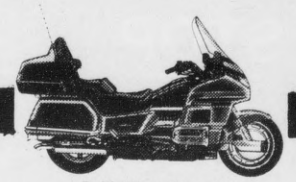
Thanks From Avengers

The San Francisco Lesbian Avengers would like to extend a special thank you to all of the women and men in our community who came out and attended our benefit fundraiser at the Cafe on July 28. We deeply appreciate your support of our work and we will use these precious funds to continue our cause. We feel it's time for a fierce lesbian movement and your support helps make it happen.

We also wish to express our appreciation to Morgan and the staff at the Cafe for donating the space for the evening, to comic Amy Boyd who emceed and provided mucho laughs, to the Pat Wilder & Friends Band and musician Angela Motter who provided the live sounds. And to the Lyon-Martin Safer Sex Sluts Team who provided all the necessary latex-based women-to-women HIV education we could ask for. Thank you all for donating your time and talents in making this evening the success that it was.

The San Francisco chapter of the Lesbian Avengers was founded in June 1993 and is a direct action group focused on issues vital to lesbian survival and visibility. We were one of the organizations that produced the SF Dyke March. We have numerous committees in our organization that work on a myriad of vital issues such as fighting religious hate and dyke-bashing, lesbians & HIV/AIDS, lesbians and cancer, visibility and educational propaganda and street theater, and many others. We invite all women interested in working on lesbian issues to participate with us. We meet every Monday night at 7 pm at the Women's Building in San Francisco. For further information please call 267-6195. Again, our thanks to all.

The San Francisco Lesbian Avengers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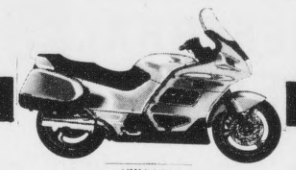
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Research and Political Leaders Plan Future Directions

A high-level meeting on "Future Directions in AIDS Research," held July 30-31 in Madison, Wisc., studied how to improve the AIDS research process, especially how to move practical treatment ideas from the laboratory to the clinic. Participants included David Kessler, M.D., commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration; Anthony Fauci, M.D., director of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Samuel Broder, M.D., Director of the U.S. National Cancer Institute; Robert Gallo, M.D., head of the Laboratory of Tumor Cell Biology of the National Cancer Institute; Kristine Gebbie, the new White House AIDS policy coordinator, who started work Aug. 2; John Niblack, M.D., from the new Intercompany Collaboration for AIDS Drug Development, and Pfizer Inc.; activists Larry Kramer, Mark Harrington and Martin Delaney; and over 40 other scientists, officials, and community representatives. The Harvard AIDS Institute, the University of Wisconsin, and Project Inform organized the meeting, which was chaired by June Osborne, M.D., formerly chair of the National Commission on AIDS.

Nine points of consensus which emerged are reprinted below. In about two months, the group will meet again to develop more detailed recommendations on scientific directions.

The meeting itself was closed to the press, so that participants could explore ideas without fear of statements being quoted out of context. But as the meeting ended, a press conference was held in Madison. Reporters' questions were answered by a panel of participants, including Max Essex, D.V.M., Ph.D., and Richard Marlink, M.D., both of Harvard AIDS Institute; David Pauza, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin, Madison; Dr. Robert Gallo; Kristine Gebbie; Steve Morin, Ph.D., on the staff of Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-SF) on the House Appropriations Committee; Mark Milano of ACT UP/New York (representing the Barbara McClintock Project to Cure AIDS); Larry Kramer and Martin Delaney. Because of the importance of the meeting and the subjects discussed, we are including extensive quotes from the press conference, to give readers a sense of the leading thinking today about what should be done differently in AIDS and other biomedical research in the future.

Dr. David Pauza (from his opening statement to the press conference): AIDS is a rapidly moving epidemic that is constantly evolving new clinical challenges, and it will impact at catastrophic levels on our personal, social and economic structures. The number of AIDS cases creates a reservoir for evolving infectious agents under conditions that have not previously been encountered... Furthermore, continued AIDS research benefits all biomedical research, because it continues to create insights not only into this very important area, but into other areas as well.

Therefore the first main conclusion of our meeting is that AIDS is special. We believe that effective treatments will be discovered. And we are committed to the belief that it is possible to develop new therapies within a reasonable time, which are capable of providing long-term survival without clinical symptoms... It is not unfair to characterize this as an historic meeting, that begins a new process to reinvigorate our fight against this disease.

Dr. Richard Marlink: A unanimous consensus from the group was that in the future, the disease from HIV will be preventable—those infected with HIV eventually will have treatment that will prevent disease. That sounds pretty simple. But most of us went away from Berlin with feelings of frustration and depression. Many times it was portrayed in the media that we weren't getting anywhere in this fight. With this present meeting, our gut feelings and scientific opinions are that AIDS will eventually be treatable, so that people will be able to live with HIV infection without having disease.

I think the most important consensus conclusion follows. That is, since AIDS could be fully treatable in the future, it's only insufficient resources that inhibit our pace, both in basic biomedical research and in AIDS research. It's insufficient resources that prevents this treatment from coming about.

Martin Delaney: We will continue what we started here in a second meeting within two months from now. Today we reached consensus on two areas. One was a list of the principal priorities of AIDS research on a scientific basis, and a document will be available about that. For those who follow this disease, there will not be any great surprises; we have known for many years what those priorities and most critical issues are.

The other area is a list of nine consensus statements that affect not only scientific issues, but policy issues around the management of AIDS research: the identification of gaps and discontinuities within existing programs; the potential for the development of targeted special new research programs and mechanisms of prioritizing issues for treatment in special fashion; the development of improved communication and coordination methods; a look at new management methodologies and technologies for use within some of the existing programs; and ways to create greater collaboration between private industry and government in AIDS research.

These are not yet in the form of specific concrete proposals, which is why there is a later meeting. What we consensed on at this point was

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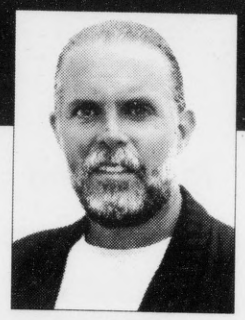

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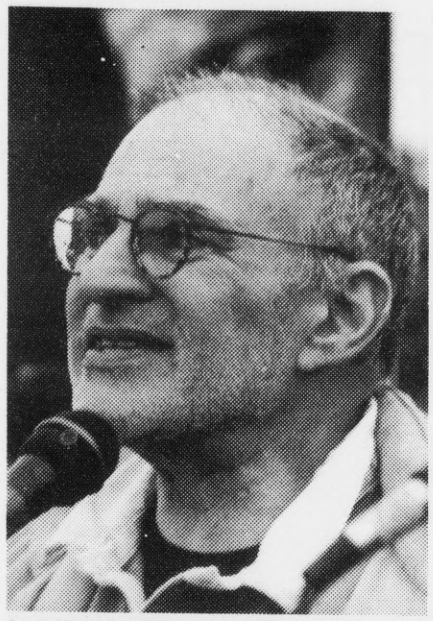

Larry Kramer with a rare smile. Photo by Marc Geller

an identification of the areas that we were choosing to produce a specific targeted document, which will have concrete recommendations. People will continue to work on these consensus statements and bring specific proposals for implementing them to the coming meeting.

Dr. Kessler—as well as a rep from a new consortium of pharmaceuticals—was a great help in discussing the breaking down of barriers between corporate entities that may be developing certain treatments or vaccines in parallel with other companies. We plan to work between now and the next meeting to draw up a proposal. Both government and industry thought that it should be possible to break those barriers down by joint agreements, working through some kind of a collaborative association of government and industry. It was identified as an issue, and a commitment was made to resolving it, and the right parties are at the table. We have agreed to include several more representatives of the pharmaceutical industry at our next meeting.

Larry Kramer: We're trying to come up with new concepts of how to deal with research and how to get the research funded. We realize that we cannot expect the U.S. government to take care of all of this, certainly not with any dispatch. So we're trying to think of ways to lay off different projects to different parts of affected communities. Much money is already being raised for AIDS research in the gay and AIDS community—through organizations like AmFAR, Broadway Cares, DIFFA, GMHC, etc., as well as various foundations that have money left specifically for AIDS research. We need to build a consortium to get some projects funded by the government, some by the pharmaceutical companies, and some by these organizations. We're trying to find a way to package it, with each package funded by a different part of the community, which could feel that they were buying into a Manhattan Project.

This weekend is one of the most exciting couple of days I have spent in over ten years of going to these kinds of meetings. I have rarely seen so many disparate participants in fighting this plague all in one room and getting along with each other, interacting, sharing information, brainstorming, bull-sessioning, criticizing and laughing, a camaraderie which has not been in existence since the beginning.

Martin Delaney: We're looking at ways to marshal a more organized private response to AIDS in addition to, and in support of, the money the government spends on AIDS. There are parallels historically, such as the March of Dimes from the 1950s, or the American Cancer Society, that have done this in a much larger and more organized way than [has been done with] AIDS until this time. This is not the formation of an organization yet; at this point it is an idea that's on the table. We want to bring more partnership between private resources and public resources to this problem; we also want to bring more public resources.

Dr. Steve Morin: In the House version of the bill for fiscal 1994, there is $1.3 billion for AIDS research at NIH. This is a 21 percent increase, and gives hopes about a new priority for AIDS research in the federal government. Much of the focus of this meeting, however, was on how best to accelerate the AIDS research program, not just government-sponsored [research], but research that's going on through private industry, and through money raised by other sources — for trying to be more effective for the money that is being spent on AIDS research.

David Pauza: Our message is two-fold. We need to maintain a priority on the urgent problem of AIDS research. However, we need to increase and maintain the strength of both our federally funded and privately funded research enterprises into all areas of biomedical research. The overall health of our research community contributes to our ability to solve important problems such as AIDS.

Martin Delaney: Our task in this meeting was not identifying exciting new scientific opportunities, but identifying where the stumbling blocks are right now. What are the pieces to which we need answers in order to move forward? Where are we stuck, and what problems need to be resolved as quickly as possible in order to move forward? The next task is to break those down into manageable pieces, get them farmed out, and get them done, if they are not already underway.

Dr. Richard Marlink: On the first day we divided tasks into viral pathogenesis questions, and host pathogenesis questions. We have beginnings of notes which will be prepared into a document.

Kristine Gebbie: One of the things I'm most impressed by was the mix of participants. We have had almost no places where the activist community, the directly affected community, the research community, and parts of the structure of how that all comes together, have met fairly comfortably in a room for an extended period of time to think together about where to go. It seemed to work here, as people moved toward consensus, and that's a model that I'm very comfortable with. I think there are lots of places in our HIV programs that we can apply this kind of gathering. It was exciting from the doors it might open on research, but also exciting as a test of a model that I hope I can bring to my new office. I'm glad I had a chance to be here, and I'm looking forward to the results of day three. This is a meeting that won't end.

[Gebbie was asked about the role of the new Office of AIDS Research in all of this.]

It's a little early to say, partly because the new Office of AIDS Research is also in creation at the same time, and if it does the job that the statute outlines for it, there is some stuff I don't have to do. A major part of my job, if we can get a good research coordination process within the research community, is to look at the issues around how we translate research quickly into practice or into phases of applied research, that can get us the benefits of what's known as fast as we possibly can. That's going to be a large part of what I look at, in addition to

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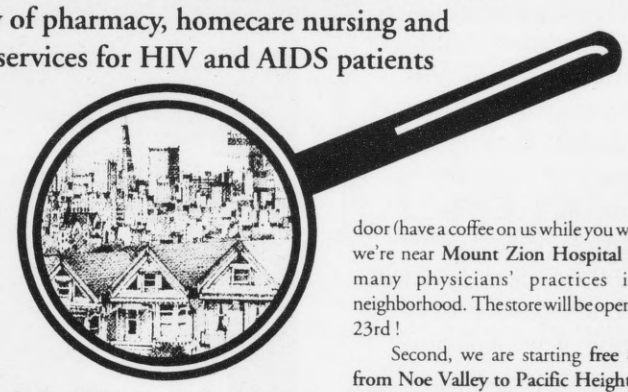

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the kind of questions that have been asked here.

Dr. Robert Gallo: I think, realistically, in the very latest stage of AIDS, nothing new or dramatic came out at this session and won't come out of any session in the immediate future regarding the treatment of people with full blown disease. However, there are a number of new technologies and a number of new observations that we think could move forward within this next year or two that at least make us cautiously optimistic. I feel we're in a very important transition period where we can move certain things in therapy to the clinic faster and better. In late-stage AIDS, the focus has to be on reconstitution of the immune system; there's a major effort in that direction [Project Immune Restoration, organized by Project Inform] to try to stimulate more research, it's already happening. It's almost certainly going to have to involve some aspects of transplantation research and experiment. I also have some optimism about being able to interfere with HIV replication, which is one of the most important things we have to do, not in the latest or terminal stages of AIDS, but earlier in the course of the disease. We're thinking of a number of new opportunities, like antisense, some of the experimental gene-therapy programs, and some targeting of specific or conserved regions in the HIV genome, that we hope will move forward in the coming year or so.

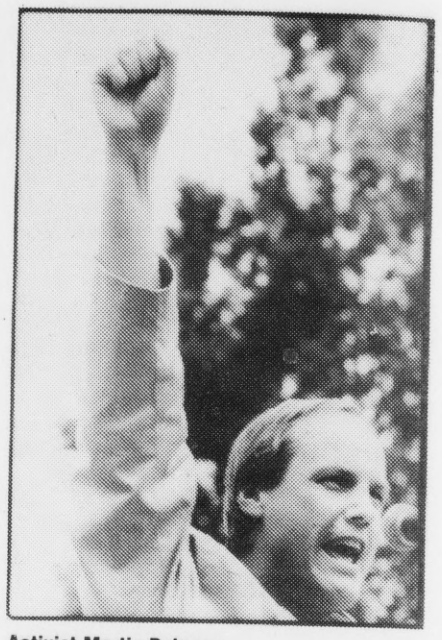
Mark Milano: Maurice Hilleman (of Merck) talked about "filling in the ruts" in research. Investigator-initiated research often leads to the interesting questions being answered, but when it comes to the more mundane work in the trenches, many questions never get answered. Someone assigning those tasks for people to do to fill in our gaps would be crucial; there was very clear consensus on that point.

Dr. Robert Gallo: Over the last few days, I learned more details about concepts of blocking immune activation. I learned that there were derivatives of cyclosporin that supposedly can block immune activation, with all the good things that we think could come out of that, without being immunosuppressive. I do believe this would be a priority for some experimentation if true.

What I learned mostly at this meeting is that a number of people are thinking in parallel ways, but there are still significant disagreements on details.

Regarding a question on targeting, every time you walk into a laboratory, you make a priority decision. You do that every day in every experiment you do. Everybody targets when they do an experiment; it's just a matter of the degree, and who's going to be telling whom to do what. You don't want too much of that.

One major area I'm most concerned about, that I would like to see facilitated in what people are calling a targeted program, is that when ideas and data come from basic science, they're able to go into the clinic without going down the drain because we don't know how to get them into the clinic because there's no interested manufacturer, either for patent reasons or whatever reasons there may be. That, to me, is the single most important thing we could accomplish, because there are already plenty of good ideas, and significant data in a number of areas, that are worthy of pursuit yesterday, not tomorrow.



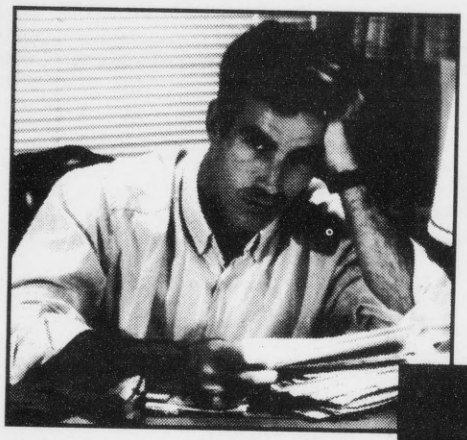
Activist Martin Delaney.

Martin Delaney: Getting promising treatments into the system was a major topic of discussion in the meeting, because right here in the meeting were some of the basic scientists who have exciting new prospects, yet don't have the ability to turn them into a product, because they're not a company, or they're faced with creating a company in order to bring something into the clinic, which as you know is extremely difficult. I can't say we solved the problem; what we've done is gotten it on the table, targeted it for a priority development process, within what we're going to continue here, and one that will include Dr. Kessler of the FDA, and the pharmaceutical companies, and perhaps some of the government resources. For example, the Frederick Cancer Center currently does work like that in some instances in cancer; it will take a product itself from the laboratory, and manufacture it on a small-scale basis, enough to get it into early testing and then perhaps attract a pharmaceutical sponsor. Those kinds of options are under discussion.

Dr. Steve Morin: Congress and the administration are both involved in the challenge to come up with an initiative that would be more responsive to AIDS research. There have been six or seven potential models floated, including the Manhattan Project, the McClintock Project and the Ariel Project on pediatric AIDS. What is important about this meeting is that the supporters of each of those proposals were brought together with the scientists and with public policy makers, to try to see if some agreement could be worked out. There was a remarkable degree of consensus at this meeting. There are still points about technical detail, where total consensus may not be possible, but compromise on recommendations seems likely.

Once those agreements are reached, there are structures in place, with the Office of AIDS Research and the structure of the federal government, as well as the structures of the private organizations which fund AIDS research, to pick up these recommendations and help inform the public-policy decisions that are made through those structures. It does not require this group to carry out everything; structures are in place for organizing and funding AIDS research.

Martin Delaney: There are compelling



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avenues of scientific research now being neglected for reasons of institutional inertia. I'll give an example of where a gap exists. There's much talk currently about immune activation as a factor in disease, and its relationship to different cytokine cascades in the immune system, and to questions of disease progression and loss of CD4. All of these are concurrent events which are associated somehow in this disease, but nobody knows which is a cause and which is an effect. Yet at this time, we don't see much research being structured to answer those kinds of questions. Until we understand that, we may be fishing about in the dark with those concepts for some time to come. We need a structured way to take that problem apart, break it down into its components, and get the job done. That's one concrete example.

Mark Milano: Consensus didn't emerge on every issue. We talked about conflicts of interest, and put that on hold until the next meeting; in biomedical research, it's a very touchy subject. And there was the debate about whether to begin a whole new project, or to fine-tune programs at the NIH.

Martin Delaney: Another area is the question of R01 investigator initiated research, versus more targeted efforts. There were heated debates about that. But as we took those debates apart, it became clear that we were partially debating our interpretations and the meanings we put behind those words. Targeted research doesn't necessarily mean dictated research. As we were able to calm down from some of the positions we all hold over those buzzwords, we were able to see that we weren't as far apart as we thought on those issues.

Larry Kramer: Look upon this more like a summit meeting of people exchanging points of view and coming together for the first time, rather than a specific program. It was a very exciting summit meeting, that left us all hungry for the next meeting, and with great renewed enthusiasm after a time of great depression.

AREAS of CONSENSUS

The group unanimously agreed that it is possible to develop new therapies, within a reasonable time, that are capable of providing long-term survival without clinical disease for persons infected with HIV. The following nine consensus points were also listed:

(1) Insufficient resources inhibits the pace of both basic biomedical and AIDS-related research. More resources will accelerate the pace of progress.

(2) Identify the gaps or discontinuities in programs of research and in the implementation of clinically relevant findings.

(3) Targeted special programs should be considered for emerging, gap-filling, or risky innovative research areas. Mechanisms of prioritization are possible and will be needed.

(4) Improve communication pathways and coordination among public and private investigators, e.g. develop high quality repositories for defined clinical samples.

(5) The urgent challenge of AIDS highlights the problem of constituting complex drug trials using multiple proprietary compounds from distinct public and private sources. A rational and comprehensive strategy should be implemented to overcome barriers at all levels that mitigate against

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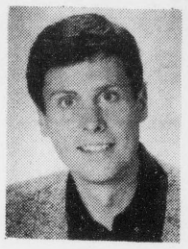

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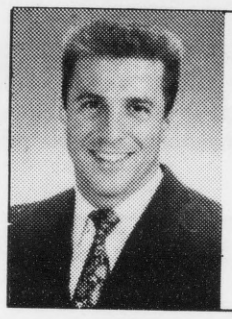

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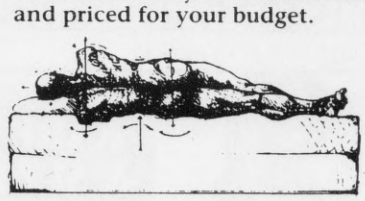

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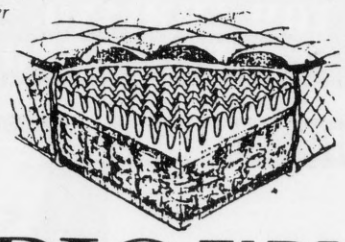

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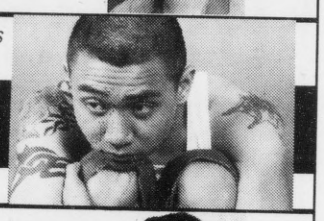

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(astrology)

BY JACK FERTIG

Dog Day Positions

Mars just entered Libra, making us all so eager for others to cooperate. In our newfound eagerness for teamwork we will want to get others to do things just as we think they should be done. Of course, this is not exactly how teamwork works. Mars in Libra was not highly thought of by the ancients, but with a little effort each of us can lift it out of its manipulative, pushy tendencies and examine our own efforts in relationships and collaborations. Just as this starts its six-week course, the Sun is squaring Pluto. Sun square Pluto can be very sexy and rambunctious fun; it can also be coercive, manipulative and shrewdly invasive. Come to think of it, Aug. 13-17 is a wonderful time for genital piercings. And just in time! Prince Albert's birthday is, after all, on the 26th.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Usually you like to keep things in a nice neat order, but lately you've been more than typically fastidious. Left to your own devices you're fine taking care of whatever business you have at hand. Trouble comes when you try to involve other people, as you now tend to do. Your exuberance is especially high these days. When you think you're just being fun and friendly you're probably being a lot pushier than you realize. A lot pushier. People may feel you're being coercive. Well, you know that even in your sleep you're a lot more energetic and feisty than most folks. Just try to be gentle and let others do as they will.

TAURUS: Your recent creative streak is about to bear some fruit. Expand your amusements to include a partner and you'll find your energies expanding synergetically. Even if you're not feeling particularly creative, this is a great time to play with a partner. Any sort of cooperative fun and games can even open up your creative side. Your partner in creativity needn't be your partner in love or domesticity, but it would help if you do have fun now with whoever shares your heart and home. Sparks are about to fly about the house; could be wild and passionate, could be a major power struggle. Either way, keep it clean.

GEMINI: You (singular) have been putting a lot of energy into your home. Now it looks like you (plural) will be sharing the work at hand. Or, if you maintain a solitary lifestyle (and even if you don't), this is a nice time to shift gears, stop the cleaning and clearing frenzy you've been on and start some sort of decorating. Your famous loquacious streak is in full gear these days, especially as far as topics of work and health are concerned. Not only loquacious, but unusually assertive. Hell, downright pushy. Concerns about health are probably making you nervous and you're taking it out at work. Do your co-workers a favor and work it out at the gym or talk with a doctor or therapist.

CANCER: The good news is that you're soon to become a lot less critical than you've been lately. You will, however, continue to be very outspoken and even more so on behalf of people who should probably be speaking for themselves. You can be a very good and powerful advocate right now, but be certain you are advocating on behalf of people who really want you to be speaking up for them. More importantly, take stock of your own best interests. Playful indulgences, or a perceived need to invest in creative outlets, can prove quite costly right now, but may yet be worth considering. Think twice before you spend, but also think twice before you decline to spend on that "extravagance." It might indeed be something that you really can't do without.

LEO: Your recent fussy attention to financial matters is coming to an end. Alas, you're now coming into a period of tending to fight over matters of shared financial interest. Well, *fight* is an overstatement. More accurately you're trying perhaps too hard to get the other person to cooperate with you and not having an easy time of getting that person to see "reason." It will go a lot easier on you if you make more of an effort to understand the other side of the story. A surge of self-confidence is making you more assertive in domestic matters. This can be good, but a little diplomacy may be necessary to guide that assertiveness away from conflict and toward the changes you want to see.

VIRGO: Your recent burst of energy is not necessarily letting up, but it is softening somehow. In recent efforts you've taken up you now seek to include others. Although you're tending to push ahead, leading more than cooperating, this is a good time to develop your teamwork skills. Your worst obstacle right now is a tendency to be bitchy without realizing it. But as nasty as you're being to others, you're being even harder on yourself. Something's eating at your insides and you need some quiet time alone to deal with it. Guilt? Internalized anger? Take time to take care of yourself, if not for your own sake then for the sake of those around you.

LIBRA: Something's been eating away at your gut lately. Guilt? Internalized anger? Now is a good time to start talking all that stuff out with a trusted friend or advisor. Keep a clear focus on the issues that come up. Deal with them in a safe protected space. At the same time, you're feeling very directed, even driven, to social and political activities. There your energy can easily run away with you and lead you into arguments, especially over money and basic values represented by the group. If you can stay in touch with others' concerns you can emerge as a leader; otherwise you may just stand out as an antagonist.

SCORPIO: Your recent critiques of social values and political actions is leading you into new relationships; perhaps new groups, perhaps new energy going into associations already formed. There can easily be an exciting edge to these relations, perhaps a combative element. You may need to work on focusing that energy so that it manifests not as antagonism, but as teamwork. You normally have a bit more charisma and force of personality than most folks, but now that's heightened. In the dynamics of relationship you may not realize your own strength. This is a good time to ascend into positions of authority, but be careful not to throw your weight around.

SAGITTARIUS: This is a good time for philosophical or religious critiques, but be very careful with how you deal with temporal and personal authority figures. On the one hand you're eager to grapple with higher ideas, to take center stage in debates and brainstorming sessions. On the other hand you're easily drawn into unnecessary—perhaps dangerous—arguments with bosses, cops, etc. If you're very careful and considerate about how you do it, this can be an excellent time to take a leadership position. Just be very careful about stepping on powerful toes on the way. If you can restrain your innate outspokenness, you will find your diplomatic skills up to the occasion.

CAPRICORN: Your critical mind has been recently ever more so. While you may have been content to quietly dissect sloppy ideas on printed pages you now want more to express your critiques and take on debate. In a principled setting with a prepared opponent that's all well and good, but be careful not to pounce on the unwary—unless you really want to eviscerate a helpless victim. You are unusually charismatic and forceful these days, which will serve you well in political and erotic pursuits, but it's very easy to overplay your hand. (The double entendre there is neither intended nor relevant.) Lean back quietly with an intent gaze like George Raft and you'll be amazed at how much force that conveys.

AQUARIUS: You're unusually forceful and charismatic these days, probably not realizing your own forcefulness. In all likelihood you've been dealing with grief or other deep challenges. Now you're tending to act out, not realizing the anger or hurt behind otherwise simple acts and moods. Anybody who doesn't know what a control queen you can be is about to find out. Your relationship to authority—your own authority or those in positions of authority over you—is about to go through some startling changes. You're especially sensitive about relationships. With a little effort you could be more sensitive *to* relationships, and those you're relating with. It will take a little effort, but it will be well worth it.

PISCES: All those insightful little criticisms of your partner that have been coming to mind you may now feel ready to express. But is s/he ready to hear them? If you must make "improvements," sit down together and discuss the dynamics of your relationship. Focus on changes you can make, not changes s/he "should" make. It's an excellent week for philosophical or religious studies, or to consider a long-range plan for any sort of education. For anything more than a few days of study, judge your time and energy conservatively. Make a list of what you'd like to do, but order the list in terms of priorities and be ready to cut from the bottom. ✿

THE SAN FRANCISCO
BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

coming up

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AUG 12 / THU

A Forgotten Epidemic: *The Era of Illegal Abortion.* A video & discussion presented by filmmaker/historian Dorothy Fadiman. Documentary presents evidence of the physical dangers & emotional effects of restrictive abortion laws before *Roe vs Wade*. Film introduces people who lived thru the era of illegal abortion, including doctors & health care workers who describe the wretched conditions of those times and the disastrous results of back-alley abortions. Followed by discussion. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Noon-1 pm, free. Toland Hall, UCSF, 533 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-5222.

Medi-Benefits Presentation for Seniors: 1 pm at Montefiore Senior Center, 3200 California St, SF. Arleen Goodwin, co-director of Senior Medi-Benefits, non-profit medical claims management service, provides clarification on various aspects of applying for benefits, filling out forms & filing for reimbursement. $2. Anyone 55 & over is welcome to attend. Info: Ada Burko 346-6040 ext 3061.

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm today & 8/26 at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Rainbow's End support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning youth ages 14-23: 6:30-7 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors; 7-8:30 pm group time for everyone. Info: 457-1115 or 457-3523. Tonight & 8/19 & 26.

At Cody's Books: Diana Abu-Jaber reads from her debut novel *Arabian Jazz*, the story of Jemorah & Melvina, the daughters of a jazz-loving Arab father and an American mother who died when they were children. Now in their 20s, they are torn between the advice of their opinionated Jordanian aunts and the individualism of American culture. 7 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Alliance for District Elections holds a series of neighborhood forums on district elections. Public planning meetings held tonight & 8/24, 7-9 pm at the State Building, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, room 1200, SF. For info call 541-5047.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Geoffrey Bellman discusses his new book, *Getting Things Done When You Are Not In Charge*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Pet Peeves—Everything You Love to Hate. All women are welcome! Info: Marilyn (415) 583-1649 or Lynn (408) 737-9229.

A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Geoffrey Bellman discusses his new book, *Getting Things Done When You Are Not in Charge*. Book shows how managers, administrators, supervisors & other employees can get their own work done while supporting the work of others. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Kate Bornstein in "The Opposite Sex... Is Neither!" at Josie's Cabaret. This solo performance piece is an exploration of the definitions & implications of gender, a continuation of Bornstein's long-running hit, "Hidden: A Gender". Borstein, local transsexual lesbian writer & performer, presents a dizzying array of transgendered characters—transsexuals who are male-to-female & female-to-male, she-males and women passing as men. In a gentle poke at today's New Age, her central character is a goddess-in-training who took the wrong turn at the moon and has to complete her homework assignment here on earth. The piece tackles head on the concepts of gender and belonging, sex and ownership, seduction and obedience; and provides an intelligent and penetrating lok at the many faces of the transgendered. Show runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 8/22. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun; $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

New Horizons support/social Group for lesbian, gay & bisexual adults ages 21-29. 7:45-8 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors; 8-9:30 pm group time for everyone. Tonight & 8/19 & 26. Info: 457-1115 or 457-3523.

The Shirley Horn Trio (Shirley Horn, piano, vocals; Charles Ables, bass; Steve Williams, drums); jazz at Yoshi's, 6030 Claremont Ave, Oakl. Thru 8/15. Tix $18 Tues-Thurs, $20 Fri-Sun. Info/res: BASS or (510) 652-9200.

Lavender Lounge screens two new episodes of queer TV: "Board of Sups Hearing" and "Salute to Gay Veterans". 8:30 pm, $3-7. 992 Valencia St at 20th, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Club Ebony Dance Party at El Rio with DJ Evol-E. 9 pm, $3. Produced by Nubia Productions for women. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

At DNA Lounge: *Daddy Don't Go* record release party, with guests *Pomegranate*. 9:30 pm, $5. 11th & Harrison Sts, SF. Info: 626-1409.

AUG 13 / FRI

"The Year of American Craft," is the theme of the 1993 American Craft Council (ACC) Fair, today thru 8/15 at the Herbst & Festival Pavilions (Pier 1 & 2), Ft Mason Center, SF. Event showcases an incredible variety of work—jewelry, furniture, clothing, ceramics & more. Hours: 8/13, 11 am-9 pm; 8/14, 11 am-6 pm; 8/15, 11 am-5 pm. Tix $6 gen'l, kids under 12 are free. Food & drink available for sale. Wheelchair Accessible. Free parking available at Crissy Field, with free shuttle buses to Ft Mason. Info: 896-5060.

Appreciating Diversity & Spirituality in the African-American Community: A colloquium spons by JFK University's Graduate School of Professional Psychology. 12:30-2 pm, $5. Presentation addresses the diversity of the African-American community and the riches and challenges of doing therapeutic work with African-American clients. The role of spirituality in working with families is discussed. 12:30-2 pm. 370 Camino Pablo, Orinda. Info: (510) 254-0110.

2nd Annual Nat'l Lefthander's Day Celebration in SF: Come celebrate the specialness of being left-handed (left-handed kids are especially welcome). Networking & sharing, reading materials about lefties provided, munchies & soft drinks provided (other food & drink available). 6 pm at Los Jarritos Restaurant, 909 South Van Ness Ave at 20th, SF. Info: Jane Dixon 826-2320.

"Rhythm & Ritual" with Starhawk & Mary Ellen Donald at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 7-10 pm, $10-15. Spons by Harmony Network. Auditorium. Info: 869-0989.

Rhythm & Ritual at the Women's Building with author/activist/Wiccan Starhawk and teacher/drummers Layne Redmond & Mary Ellen Donald. 7-10 pm, $10-15 SL fee. 3543 18th St, SF. Portion of proceeds benefit the Women's Building fund. Info: Jodi at Harmony Network (707) 869-0989.

Women's Country Western Dance & Class in the Eastbay 7 & 9 pm tonight & 8/20. Info/location: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: Author & personal growth facilitator Martia Nelson discusses her new book, *Coming Home*, about how to heal the split between personality & spirit so that we can express our inner potential. 7:30 pm, free. 545 Magnolia St, Larkspur.

Kate Bornstein in "The Opposite Sex... Is Neither!" at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/12.

At Freight & Salvage: *High Country* 25th reunion celebration, a benefit for Freight & Salvage. Night of great traditional bluegrass. 8 pm. Info: (510) 548-1761.

At DNA Lounge: 60s time warp with *Syndicate of Sound*, special guests *Powder* and Mike Wilhelm of *The Charlatans*. 9 pm, $7. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

A Partridge Family Friday the 13th: The Sick & Twisted Players, SF's acclaimed cult comedy theater troupe, present an encore benefit performance of their recent smash hit featuring an all-star celebrity cast: Phillip R Ford as Shirley Partridge, Danielle Willis as Keith Partridge, Connie Champagne as Chris Partridge. Plus local luminaries Timmy Spence, Deena Davenport, Don Baird, Ghis Loree, Jack Spittle, Kathy Queer and others. Tonight only. Two shows, 9 pm & midnight. $8-13 SL donation, proceeds benefit the Sick & Twisted Players' upcoming production of "Texas Chainsaw 90210". Bernice Street Playhouse, 21 Bernice St at 12th, SF. Info/res: 863-5946.

Night of laughs at Josie's Cabaret with comics Danny Williams and Amy Foster. One night only! 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Comedy at Josie's Cabaret with the outrageous Danny Williams. New York comic Amy Foster opens the show. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

AUG 14 / SAT

Inspiration Point Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take Grizzly Peak to either South Park Drive or Shasta Road. Continue on Wildcat Canyon Road & follow Wildcat Canyon to Inspiration Point on the left. Meet 9 am in the parking lot. Info: Greg (510) 482-4391 or Roz (510) 939-3579.

Awakening Thru Movement Wkshop for Women: 9:30 am-5 pm, $35. Use the expressive arts (movement, drawing, storytelling, etc) to heighten self-awareness, healing & creativity. All women welcome! No experience necessary. At Danceground Keriac Studio in SF. Info/reg: Sue Martin 826-4837.

4th Annual Cajun Festival spons by the Saturday Berkeley Farmers' Market. Lots of Cajun music, dancing & food, plus locally-brewed beer and fine seasonal produce. Music with the *California Cajun Orchestra, Motor Dude Zydeco*, the *Aux Cajunals, Tee Fee* and Gerard Landry and the *Cajun Bandits*. Dance instructor Paatti Whitehurst helps you get into the finer points of Cajun dancing. New Orleans Catering cooks up delicious Cajun food. 10 am-4:30 pm, music starts at 11:30. On Center Streetat Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley (music will be in the adjacent Civic Center Park). Spons by The Ecology Center (510) 548-2220.

LIPS Installation: Join Lesbian Installation Projects and work with other lesbians on an installation conerning Sappho. Lunchtime potluck & ideas exchange today & 9/11 at 10 am. Bring food & drink to share. Info/location: (510) 222-7989.

Dream Men: Seminar on dreams for gay men. Learn about common dream symbols, their meaning & universality; ways of remembering your nocturnal adventures, method of decoding dream imagery, how to use dreams for personal growth. 1-5 pm today at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 1-5 pm in the Eastbay on 8/21 at 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. $30. Same-day registrations welcome, subject to space availablity. Led by dreamworker Jim O'Hara. Info/res: (510) 644-1625.

At Whiptail Lizard Lounge Alternative Dyke space: Open noon-11 pm. Alcohol, drug & smoke free. Pool table, coffee, tea, soda. Poker (and other games) tonight, 7-11 pm. All women welcome. 4035 18th St, SF.

Girth & Mirth Club of SF August Social Party: 8 pm. The Club provides finger foods, beer & refreshments. $5. Info/location: 821-2685.

Big Splash! Manteca Water Slide Trip with Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group. Huge water slides, loads of fun! We'll leave via carpool at 8 am. $16.95 admission. Parking $2. Call Cathie 726-9759 for info/directions. All women welcome!

1993 ACC Crafts Fair in SF—see 8/13.

Bi-Friendly BBQ Picnic in Berkeley: Noon-4 pm. Bring something to BBQ and other yummies to share. Codornice Park (across Euclid from the Berkeley Rose Garden, near Eunice). Look for purple balloons. Sign near the park entrance gives directions to the picnic area. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

Cat Adoption Fair at Old Wives Tales Bookstore. Pets & Pals, a volunteer-run humane agency, hosts a cat adoption fair in front of the bookstore. Every one of these sweet cats needs a good home! They've all been spayed/neutered and have all their shots. Adoption fee. Info: 863-7527.

Runway 1993: Gay Asian Pacific Alliance presents the Miss GAPA & Gay Asian Pacific Man Pageant. 7 pm at the Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St (Japantown), SF. Performances by Gene Flores (Mr GAPA 1992), Lia Tom Kwan (Miss GAPA 1990), Baubles Galore and the Runway Gold Dancers. General Admission: $14 adv/$16 at door. Royal Box: $20 preferred seating (adv only). Info/tix: 621-7358.

Lezdance: Monthly alcohol/smoke-free women's dance party in Sebastopol. Call (707) 829-0797 for details.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books. Mark Childress reads from his new novel, *Crazy in Alabama*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Be-Bop Bandstand: A come-as-you-were Dance Party for Women at Olive Oil's/Pier 50. Presented by the DeCastro Sisters (a nonprofit group for lesbians over 40 who live in or near the Castro). Proceeds benefit the Women's Cancer Resource Center. Dance to the sounds of doo wop, the stroll, the bunny hop, the twist & much more! DJ Lee Mosswood spins the platters of the '50s and early '60s. Tix $12. Info: 641-1612. 295 China Basin (Terry Francois), off Third St, SF. Fragrance free. Smoking outside. No-host bar, snacks sold.

"Chant by Candlelight," with *Chanticleer* at Mission Dolores Basilica, SF. See 8/7. Final concert of the season!

"Music of Thelonius Monk," a concert with clarinetist Ben Goldberg, joined by Steve Cardenas, guitar; Bill Douglass, bass; and Donald Bailey, drums. 8 pm, $8. New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Squad at Theater Artaud, part of the Summertime Dance Project. Catherine Sharpe, Diane Shields & Kate Moremen display their "shameless appreciation for dances that make sense." Night of original text & frank, purposeful movement examining dreams, hypocrises & true confessions. Original jazz score by composer Dred Scott. 8/14-15. 8 pm, $12.50. 450 Florida St, SF. Info/res: 621-7797.

Kate Bornstein in "The Opposite Sex... Is Neither!" at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/12.

Huapango Concert presented by Instituto Disusor de la Cultura Huesteca at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Auditorium. 8-10 pm. Info: 824-6518.

At Freight & Salvage: Guitar/vocal duets with Martin & Jessica Simpson. 8 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Tom Ammiano, Scott

The Sick & Twisted Players present an encore performance of "A Partridge Family Friday the 13th," on Aug. 13. See Calendar for info.

Capurro & Michael Tee. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Meatball Heroes*, members of Mad Dog Theatre and others tba. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

AUG 15 / SUN

Marin BACW Hike, Bike or Brunch: Join Bay Area Career Women for a bike or hike along the beautiful Tiburon bike path to Guaymas Mexican Restaurant on the waterfront in downtown Tiburon. Meet 10 am for the hike/bike ride or meet for brunch at 11:30 am. Info/res: Joanne 202-3662.
1993 ACC Craft Fair—Final day! See 8/13.
The Los Altos Story: *A Story of AIDS*—video presentation at First Congregational Church examines the Church's response to AIDS. Screening followed by discussion led by Bill Smith, executive director of the United Church of Christ's AIDS ministry. 11 am, free (showing is not part of a church service). Info: 392-7461.
Whiptail Lizard Lounge Alternative Dyke Space. Open noon-9 pm. Alcohol, drug & smoke free. Patio, pool table, games, coffee & soda, women. Collective meeting at 7 pm, all women are welcome. 4035 18th St, SF.
Fiesta Huesteca presented by Instituto Disusor de la Cultura Huesteca at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Auditorium. 1-4 pm. Info: 824-6518.
Feminist Erotic Fun Film Fest: Benefit features a diverse selection of women-produced erotic videos. Plus talk, "Lessons from an Erotic Entrepreneur," by Ann Grogan, owner of Romantasy boutique. Proceeds benefit SF NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women). Women only. 6-10 pm, $10-20 SL donation includes refreshments and chance at door prize. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St btwn Valencia & Guerrero, SF. Info: 469-6977.
At Freight & Salvage: Traditional & contemporary Persian folk music by Aldoush & *The Human Exchange*. 8 pm. Info: (510) 548-1761.
Kate Bornstein in "The Opposite Sex... Is Neither!" at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/12.

AUG 16 / MON

Women's Writing Group spons by GLOE—see 8/2.
Bi-Friendly SF meets at 7 pm at the Village Deli for food, drink & conversation, tonight & 8/23 & 30. All friendly bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info/calendar: Pierre 648-6332.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Maria Falzone. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

AUG 17 / TUE

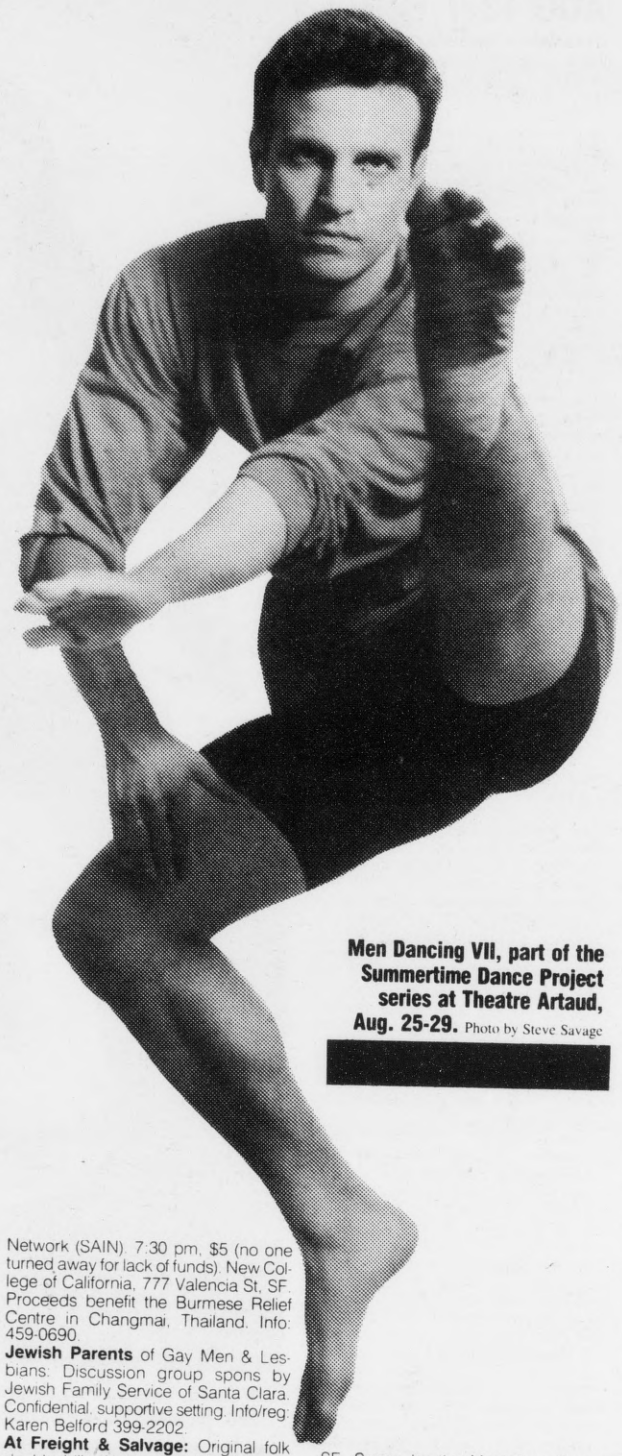
At The Booksmith: Mark Childress signs copies of his new book, *Crazy in Alabama*. Call 863-8688 for time & other info. 1644 Haight St, SF.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Poet Christine Beatty reads from *Misery Loves Company*, her book of poetry about the Tenderloin, the diners, the dungeons, the velvet draped dives. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
"Networking & Interviewing," is the title of this month's career forum at Jewish Community Center of SF. Janet Warren of Jewish Vocational Services discusses how to uncover the hidden job market and shares methods for landing that important first interview. Individual questions & issues addressed. 7-9 pm, $6. Jewish Community Ctr of SF, 3200 California St, SF. Info: Lorilee Howard 346-6040 ext 3035.
Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by long-haired model Ron Sims. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.
Politics of Women's Health: A panel discussion on the American political gamemanship that prevents millions of women & children from getting annual check-ups, immunization, reproductive health guidance & planning, research focused on women's healthcare issues; etc. Panelists: Pilar Bernal-Dephiles, UCSF Assistant Professor, Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Program; teen pregnancy consultant; Felicia Ward, program director, Bay Area Black Women's Health Project; Catherine Dodd, RN, director of Government Services, Sacramento, for the California Nurses Assoc, former president of SF NOW. Program spons by SF NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women). 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 861-8880.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets tonight & 8/24 at 7:30 pm at Au Coquelet, 2000 University Ave at Milvia, Berkeley. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.
Men, Women & Anger Wkshop led by Helene Schneider, MA, MFCC at SF Jewish Community Center. Discuss the different ways the sexes deal with anger, problems with anger common to each sex, and how to handle anger more constructively. 7:30 pm, $10. 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.
Erotic Reading Circle for Women at Good Vibrations: 8-10 pm, free. Women of all preferences & proclivities are welcome to this informal quarterly gathering. Bring any erotic writing—published or unpublished, smutty or sublime, yours or someone else's—to share with the group. Nonjudgmental listening guaranteed, punctuality appreciated.
Writer/Performer Justin Chin in "And Judas Boogied Until His Slippers Wept," at Josie's Cabaret, the companion piece to Chin's most recent work, "Somewhere Fudging." "And Judas..." is hard-edged & raw, a savage meditation on sex, death, insects, survival & betrayal, from a young Asian queer perspective. Play runs tonight & 8/31 at 8 pm. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.
At Printers Inc: Would the framers of the Constitution recognize the right of a woman to have an abortion? Does the First Amendment protect the photographs of Robert Mapplethorpe? These are two of the many questions Stewart Burns poses in his new book *A People's Charter*, challenging the conventional textbook notions of how rights are established in America. Burns, author of *Social Movements of the 1960s* and associate editor of the Martin Luther King Jr Papers at Stanford, teaches American History at Stanford. 8 pm, 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.
Women's Country Western Dance: 8:30 pm tonight & 8/24. Eastbay location. Info: Gerri (510) 428-2144.
At DNA Lounge: Windham Hill Jazz presents *Lost Tribe*. 9 pm, $5. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

AUG 18 / WED

Men's Discovery Discussion Group spons by GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders), see 8/4.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: Liz Reno, author of *Allergy Free Eating*, answers questions about the role hidden food allergies play in foggy thinking, mood swings and other behavior and addictions. 6:30 pm. Info: (707) 575-8879.
Pizza & Planning Mtg: Join Marin Hike & Bike Club for pizza at Corte Madera Round Table (take the Paradise/Tamalpais exit off 101, head west toward Corte Madera, turn left around bend. Round Table is on south side of street). Meet other members, plan fall events. Info/RSVP: Tim 927-3827.
Living with HIV Public Forum spons by the AIDS Health Project. Tonight's topic: "Couples Living with HIV: Mixed Situs Issues, Intimacy & Commitment". 7-9 pm, free. A discussion of a wide range of common relationship issues in couples where one person is infected with HIV and the other is not. Panelists include one lesbian couple, one gay male couple and one heterosexual couple. Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 476-3902.
Safe is Desire video screening at Tea Spot Cafe: See Blush entertainment's new lesbian safe sex video at 8 pm, $6.50 admission. Dinner available from 6 pm. 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley (1 block south of University Ave). Info: (510) 848-7376.
Strawberry Canyon Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: From UC Berkeley campus, take Piedmont Ave/Gayley Rd to Stadium Rim Way. Go east (uphill) past tennis courts, botanical gardens & Lawrence Hall of Science. Take a sharp right to Space Sciences Bldg (sign is on left). Meet in the parking lot at 6:45 pm. Info: Greg (510) 482-4391 or Roz (510) 939-3579.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Open lesbian & gay reading. Authors of both poetry & prose are invited to share their work. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: "Betrayal & Trust in the Workplace," a discussion by Beth Hedva, Phd, MFCC, author of *Journey from Betrayal to Trust*. Hedva discusses the five stages of betrayal, and how to use intuition to resolve emotionally charged issues in the workplace. 7:30 pm, $5. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur.
Burma—A Nation Under Siege: Symposium on Burma's social & political crisis. Featured speakers: Edith Mirante, founder of Project Maje, Jeanne Hallacy, photojournalist, and Faith Doherty, co-founder of Southeast Asian Information Network (SAIN). 7:30 pm, $5 (no one turned away for lack of funds). New College of California, 777 Valencia St, SF. Proceeds benefit the Burmese Relief Centre in Changmai, Thailand. Info: 459-0690.
Jewish Parents of Gay Men & Lesbians: Discussion group spons by Jewish Family Service of Santa Clara. Confidential, supportive setting. Info/reg: Karen Belford 399-2202.
At Freight & Salvage: Original folk double bill with John Palme & Carol Denney. 8 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.
Kate Bornstein in "The Opposite Sex... Is Neither!" at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/12.
Lesbian safe sex video. *Safe Is Desire*, screens tonight at the Tea Spot Cafe at 8 pm. Tix $6.50. Dinner service available from 6 pm. 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.
At Faster Pussycat! *Oiler* and *Cameltoe*. $4 adv. The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 561-9771.
At DNA Lounge: Jazzy funk with *Buttermilk* and special guests *Q*. 10 pm, $5. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

AUG 19 / THU

Elderflower Womanspirit Festival: Today thru 8/22, near Mendocino. Workshops, rituals, crafts. Lots of fun in the woods for women and girls. Tent & cabin camping. Relaxed atmosphere, reasonable prices. Write Elderflower, PO Box 31627, SF 94131 or call (916) 558-0607 for info.
Rainbow's End support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning youth meets—see 8/12 listing for details.
Celebration Committee to plan for an Eastbay Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Pride parade & celebration in honor of the upcoming 25th anniversary of Stonewall. Meet 7:30 pm at Club Thunder Bay, 1 Bolivar Drive, Berkeley. Info: Bill Beasley (510) 540-0869. **New Horizons** support group meets—see 8/12 listing for details.
"It's Never Too Late to Get Involved," dinner/lecture presentation by Lillian Rabinowitz, senior activist and founder of the Eastbay chapter of the Gray Panthers. 6-8:30 pm at the Jewish Community Center of SF, 3200 California St, SF. Spons by the Montefiore Senior Center. $9 includes the catered meal. Info/res: 346-6040 ext 3061.
BACW Sonoma Miniature Golf Madness: Join Bay Area Career Women for some evening fun! 7 pm, $1. Info/res: Christine (707) 996-1550 BEFORE 8 pm.
At Cody's Books: Punk writer Kathy Acker reads from her newest novel, *My Mother Demonology*. 7 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Having Fun! Discuss how to ignore the "shoulds" and "shouldn'ts" and let yourself play. All women are welcome! Info: Marilyn (415) 583-1649 or Lynn (408) 737-9229.
At The Booksmith: Cecile Pineda reads from her novel, *Love Queen of the Amazon*. 7:30 pm. 1644 Haight St, SF. Info: 863-8688.
At Freight & Salvage: New bluegrass group, *Hot Pursuit*. 8 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.
Kate Bornstein in "The Opposite Sex... Is Neither!" at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/12.
At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Editor Jan Hardy and contributors to *Sister/Stranger: Lesbians Loving Across Lines*, an anthology dealing with the experience and meaning of loving someone of a different race, class, religion, ethnic group, size, ability or age. Local contributors Gwendolyn Bikis, Dajenya, Ruth Schwartz & Christina Salat share their stories. 8 pm, $3-10 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 821-4676.
Summertime Dance Project continues at Theater Artaud, with six works by SF choreographer Robert Henry Johnson and his new dance troupe, Robert Henry Dance Company. Works include: "Post-Afric Highways...", a colorful parody on urban life, featuring 15 dancers and music by Nina Simone; "Pear Water," chronicle of dream-like summer romance of a single parent mother who lives independently on a fictitious island in North Carolina; "Adagio assai," a pas de deux exploring the ambience of male/female dance partnering set to the music of Maurice Ravel and "Narrow Path," a dance theater performance about three African American youth searching for the griot, features jazz diva Daria Nile, Bay Area award-winning actress Edris Cooper and an original score by *Midnight Voices*. Tonight & tmw at 8 pm, $12.50. 450 Florida St at 17th, SF. Info/res: 621-7797.
At El Rio: Latin rock/world show with Ramon Cepeda y la *Neo Maya Orquestra, Orixa*. 9:30 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.



Men Dancing VII, part of the Summertime Dance Project series at Theatre Artaud, Aug. 25-29. Photo by Steve Savage

AUG 20 / FRI

Working in Other Ethnic Communities: A colloqium spons by JFK University Graduate School of Professional Psychology. 12:30-2 pm, $5. Discussion of the challenges & rewards for therapists working in a commnity outside of one's own, with specific clinical & cultural situations highlighted. 12:30-2 pm. 370 Camino Pablo, Orinda. Info: (510) 254-0110.
BACW Sonoma TGIF: Join Bay Area Career Women for a "Fri-Gay" celebration, 6-8 pm on the Santa Rosa Inn patio, followed by piano bar and lots of dancin'. $3. Info: (707) 996-1550.
Women's Country Western Class & Dance in the Eastbay, see 8/13.
At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: Anne Lamott reads from & discusses her new book *Operating Instructions*, the journal of her son Sam's first year of life. 7:30 pm. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur.
Kate Bornstein in "The Opposite Sex... Is Neither!" at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/12.
At Freight & Salvage: Berkeley bluegrass & country with Laurie Lewis & *Grant Street*. Album release show. 8 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.
Robert Henry Dance Co in Summertime Dance Project at Theater Artaud. Final performance! See 8/19.
Four in the Bush: A reading of sex stories & other excellent stuff at Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe, 485 14th St (near Dolores), SF. Readings by Nao Bustamante, Shea Dean, Katia Noyes & Trish Thomas. 8:30 pm, $5. Tonight & tmw. Info/res: 626-2805.
"Four in the Bush," a Reading of Sex Stories & Other Excellent Stuff: 8:30 pm, $5 tonight & tmw at Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe, 485 14th St nr Dolores, SF. Readers: Trish Thomas, "a fairly studly white trash bar dyke" whose work has appeared in *Frighten the Horses, Taste of Latex, Best American Erotica 1992, The Girl Wants To* and *Dagger. SF Weekly* columnist Katia Noyes reads stories about sexual desire, homophobia & revenge. Plus readings by performance artist Nao Bustamante and journalist Shea Dean. Info: 626-2805.
Two funny dykes at Josie's Cabaret: Comics Karen Ripley & Suzy Berger make you laugh yourself silly tonight, 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
At DNA Lounge: Dick Bright's *SRO*. 10 pm, $5. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

AUG 21 / SAT

Redwood Park/Oakl Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take 580 to 35th Ave or take Hwy 13 to Redwood Road. Go east toward hills on 35th Ave/Redwood Rd. Continue on Redwood approx 2 1/4 miles PAST Skyline Blvd. Park entrance is on left. Parking fee, free offstreet parking at entrance (with warm-up jog to meeting point). Meet 9 am inside park at last parking lot. Info: Greg (510) 482-4391 or Roz (510) 939-3579.
Lavender Greens Gathering at AIDS Memorial Grove for a group clearing, planting, etc. Join the Greens in restoring & beautifying the grove. Followed by potluck picnic in the park. 9 am-noon. For info/directions call Kai Lukas 282-6282.
Annual Santa Cruz Boardwalk Trip with Girth & Mirth Club of SF. All-day event. Stop for dinner on the way back. To make arrangements for transportation, or for other info call 824-0260.
Dream Men: A seminar on dreams for gay men, see 8/14 listing for details.
An Eve of Dyke Performance at Whiptail Lizard Lounge Alernative Dyke Space. Comedy, music & fiction with Maureen Brownsey, Amy Simpson & Pam Russell. 7:30 pm, $5-10 SL fee, bring a sweater & a friend! Alcohol, drug & smoke free. 4035 18th St, SF.
Marin BACW Goes Jurassic: Join Bay Area Career Women for a fun-filled experience at the California Academy of Sciences Jurassic exhibit. For info/res: 453-9317. $5.
Phoenix Lake Hike with Marin Hike & Bike Club: Easy hike around Phoenix Lake in Ross, Meet 10 am at the Phoenix Lake parking lot. Info: 457-3490.
At Boadecia's Books: One year anniversary celebration! Gay Men's Mingle: 1-3 pm. Readings & booksignings by Linnea Due (*Life Savings*), Elizabeth Pincus (*The Solitary Twist*) and Mary Wings (*Divine Victim*) at 4 pm. Tea party all day (1-9 pm). 398 Colusa Ave at Colusa Circle, Kensington (near North Berkeley). Info: (510) 559-9184.
Children's Storytime at A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store—see Parents & Kidsbox.
Meeting Men Party spons by the Human Awareness Institute. Fun & safe evening of structured exercises & heart connections with other single men. Learn communications skills that help create intimacy. 7 pm, $20. Tix available at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info/res: 239-7839.
Punk Film Festival at Komotion: Short film festival. 8-9:45 pm, $5. See *Louder Faster Shorter* by Mindaugis Bagdon, featuring *The Avengers, Mutants, Dils, The Sleepers, UXA*, live from the Mabuhay Gardens in 1978. *Deaf/Punk* by Richard Gaikowski; punk rockers and the deaf share a night with the dirty r&b of *The Offs* at the Deaf/Club, 1979. *New Age/Subway* by Ian Turner; a nightmarish psychedelic revival sound of *Chrome*, 1979. *Friction* by Tadashi Herose, number one Japanese punk band of the 1970s. *Human Fly* by Alex deLazslo. *The Cramps* explore the cellars of the New York Bowery, 1978. *Moody Teenager* by Richard Gaikowski, soundtrack by *Los Microwaves* and *Suicide*, 1980. *Third Reich 'N Roll, The Resident's* first film, 1975. *Soul City* by M Henry Jones, *The Fleshtones* in a beautiful hand-tinted film, 1977. *Dirt* by Mike Connor, clay animation, 1978. *Units Training Film* by Scott Ryser, found footage, 1979. *Devo*, the truth about de-evolution, 1978 and more. 2779 16th St near Folsom, SF. Info: 648-4923.
Benefit at Olive Oil's spons by Nivedita: Joint fundraiser for the Godfather Service Fund & the Asian American Dance Performance, plus celebration of the birthdays of Terri Warkenthien, Susan Fahey, Jackquie David, Chris Puccinelli & Louise Minnick (among others) plus celebration of the children of gay & lesbian families. Special guest appearance by Mandy Carter (visiting from Washington, DC) plus Phyllis Burke, author of *Family Values: Two Moms & Their Son*. 8 pm-1 am, $10. Pier 50, SF.
Summertime Dance Project at Theater Artaud continues with Kate Foley Company in "Economy Suite." The company teams up with young hip-hoppers from Potrero Hill Neighborhood House in an evening length dance theater work inspired by the current lean economic times. Features a suite of dances set to folk & Broadway songs from the Great Depression to 90s acid funk. "Economy Suite" examines the value of entertainment in times of an under-valued work force. Tonight & tmw at 8 pm, $12.50. 450 Florida St at 17th, SF.
Four in the Bush: A reading of sex stories & other excellent stuff at Red Dora's, see 8/20 listing for details. Final show!
The Kitchen Sink Spotlight Series at Studio Four: Improvised music series continues with Ken Kearney presenting an evening featuring several different aspects of his music. 8:30 pm, $4 at Studio Four, 2702 18th St at York, SF. Info 863-0582.
At Freight & Salvage: Original songs from New England with Bob Franke. Brenda Moore opens. 8:30 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.
848 Summer Performance Festival: Intimate & powerful short performances by Keith Hennessey & Scott Wells, Julie Kane, Rachel Kaplan, Miguel Frasconi, Jess Curtis, Stephanie Maher and Carla Wood. A night of diverse text, dance, music, image & opinion. 8:30 pm, $6-10 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds), proceeds benefit 848 and working artists. 848 Divisadero (at McAllister), SF. Info: Keith Hennessey 885-2003.
"Four in the Bush," at Red Dora's, see 8/20. Final night!
Kate Beck's Music & Comedy Revue at Tea Spot Cafe with Tivela, Yvette Kay, Niki Ro & Kelly Blue, plus others. 9 pm, $6. Dinner available from 6 pm. 2072 San Pablo Ave (1 block south of University Ave), Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.
Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Diesel Hed, Little My* and *The Doubters*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Sabrina Matthews, Tim Sniffen & Liz Olsen. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Bi-Friendly Dance Outing at Thunder Bay: Tonight's Gothic Night, so prepare to boogie in your spookiest outfit as a

vampire, nun, monk, priest or plain old gangster. 1 Bolivar Ave, Berkeley. 10 pm. For info/rides from SF: Pierre 648-6332.
At DNA Lounge: *Cherry Poppin' Daddies*. 10 pm, free 9-10 pm, $8 after 10. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

AUG 22 / SUN

How to Honor Your Intuition: Psychic development class taught by Susan Levitt at Two Sisters Bookshop, 605 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park. Noon-3 pm, $35. Info/res: 331-1028.
Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Orquesta Salsa Caliente*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Marin BACW Diner's Club: Join Bay Area Career Women for dinner at Kamikaze restaurant, a 3-star Japanese cuisine and sushi bar. Dinner followed by karaoke at Aunt Ruby's. Info/res: Janice 383-6737.
BACW Mid-Peninsula Sunday Brunch: Join Bay Area Career Women for a fun brunch at a Woodside home. 11:30 am-3 pm. $15. For info/location call Wendy 328-5825.
How to Honor Your Intuition: Psycic development class taught by Susan Levitt at Two Sisters Bookshop, 605 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park. Noon-3 pm, $35. Info/res: 331-1028.
Whiptail Lizard Lounge Alternative Dyke Space: Open noon-9 pm. Alcohol, drug & smoke free. Patio, pool table, games, coffee, soda & women! Collective meeting at 7 pm, all women are welcome.
Tede Matthews Memorial Gathering at Modern Times Bookstore. Friends of Tede gather to remember, celebrate and honor the life of the passionately committed & loving man, who died of AIDS on 7/17/93. 7 pm. Info: 282-9246.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Double-bill of readings with Clifford Chase, author of *My Brother on the Shoulder of the Road* and Gabrielle Glancy, local author & writing instructor. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
Kate Bornstein in "The Opposite Sex... Is Neither!" at Josie's Cabaret. 8 pm, $10. Final performance! See 8/12 listing for details.
At Freight & Salvage: Original folk from New Zealand with Paul Ubana Jones. 8 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.
"Economy Suite," with Kate Foley Company, part of Theater Artaud's Summertime Dance Project, see 8/21. Final performance!

AUG 23 / MON

The Codependent Person: Free 8-wk course offered by SF Community College, taught by Bev Wells, PhD. Topics: characteristics of codependency, development & progression, boundary blurring in relationships, shame-based defensive patterns, codependent conflict patterns & changing codependent relationships. 6:30 pm Mondays at Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. Info/res: 585-5212.
Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation, see 8/16.
Modern Times Bookstore: Thalia Zepatos, author of *A Journey of One's Own*, presents a mini-workshop for women traveling adventurously with a social conscience. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Maria Falzone. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
New Words, New Directions Summer Literary Reading & Conversation series spons by Small Press Traffic: Tonight's program features author Anne Lamott discussing her new book, *Operating Instructions: A Journal of My Son's First Year and author Jon Caroll discussing his new book of essays, Near-Life Experiences*. 8 pm, $12 gen'l, $10 stdnts & srs or groups of 5 or more. $25 tix includes catered booksigning reception at 6:30 pm. At the Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Center, corner of Marina Blvd & Buchanan, SF (middle Pier, in back). Info: 285-8394.

AUG 24 / TUE

At Cody's Books: Ronald Takaki, professor of ethnic studies at UC Berkeley and one of the nation's foremost multicultural studies scholars discusses his new work, *A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America*. 7 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.
The Alliance for District Elections holds public planning meeting—see 8/12.
"The Taoist Way of Sexuality," a talk by Jack Walder at Amron Metaphysical Center. Presents the meaning of sexuality and the sexual energy as an experience of body, mind and soul. 7 pm. 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.
At The Booksmith: Cydney Chadwick reads from *Enemy Clothing*. 7:30 pm. 1644 Haight St, SF. Info: 863-8688.
Family Issues in Recovery: Free 8-wk course explores dysfunctional families (addictive-patterned families, angry, repressed & chaotic families). Topics include: dysfunctional family patterns, healthy families & unhealthy families, family secrets & the family identity, intimacy & the family, healing dysfunctional family issues as an adult. Taught by Genevieve Howe, MFCC. Spons by SF Community College. Class held on Tuesday, 6:30 pm at Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. Info: Genevieve Howe, MFCC 585-5150.
Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by renaissance boy model with special talents, Skot Burns. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.
At A Clean Well-Lighted for Books: Novelist Faye Kellerman reads from her latest Rina Lazarus/Peter Decker mystery, *Grievous Sin*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm at Au Coquelet, 2000 University Ave at Milvia, Berkeley. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.
Radical Women celebrate the 73rd anniversary of women winning the right to vote. Gourmet picnic dinner served at 6:45 pm ($5 donation), meeting begins at 7:30 pm. Valencia Hall, 523-A Valencia St (nr 16th St BART), SF. Info: 864-1278.
Women's Country Western Dance in the Eastbay, see 8/17.
DNA Lounge: *Monster Magnet* presented by Terminator. 10 pm, $5. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

AUG 25 / WED

Film 120D Class in lesbian & gay film ("Contemporary Lesbian & Gay Film"), taught by gay film historian Daniel Mangin, begins tonight with a screening of *Sergeant Matlovich Versus the US Air Force*, the made-for-TV story about the gay serviceman's fight to stay in the military. Classes held both Wed & Thurs, enrollment fee $30, plus $7.50 health fee. Course offered by SF City College. Bring cash or check to the first meeting. Meets 6:30 pm at Everett Middle School, 17th St at Church, SF. Room 225. Info: 239-3000 or 239-3383.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.
Strawberry Canyon Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. From UC Berkeley campus, take Piedmont Ave/Gayley Road to Stadium Rim Way. Go east (uphill) past tennis courts, botanical gardens and Lawrence Hall of Science. Take a sharp right to Space Sciences Bldg (sign is on left). Meet in parking lot. 6:45 pm today & 9/1. Info: Greg (510) 482-4391 or Roz (510) 939-3579.
At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Mystery authors Janet Dawson, Gloria White & Jacqueline Girdner read from their new work. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.
Faster Pussycat! the Club: Leo Party—Leos get in free! Guest dj Don Baird with *Girl Jesus* from LA. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: Lesbian erotic author Robbi Sommers reads from her newest book, *Behind Closed Doors*. 7 pm. 519 Mendocino Ave #101, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 585-8879.
At Cody's Books: Ed Krol discusses *The Whole Internet User's Guide & Catalog*. This guide to the Internet, the world's largest computer network, is currently the bestselling single title at Cody's. 7 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Esther Newton, author of the pioneering *Mother Camp*, returns with a superb history of America's first gay & lesbian town, *Cherry Grove, Fire Island*. The book tells the story of how Cherry Grove evolved, and how its residents fought & played (and played) to create a space of freedom. Co-spons by Modern Times & the Gay & Lesbian Historical Society. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
Project Inform Update Mtg: 7:30 pm at MCC-SF (Metropolitan Community Church), 150 Eureka St, SF. Provides info on treatment developments & current research. Info: 558-9051.
At Faster Pussycat Queer Club: *Leo Party* from LA and *Girl Jesus*, plus guest DJ Don Baird. $4 all night. The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.
At Freight & Salvage: Original folk & country by Tish Hinojosa. In Spanish & English. 8 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.
NY performer John Patterson in "Nefertiti, The Pyramid Queen or How Someone Almost Shot Off My Wig as I was Trying to Get on Stage Tonight," a one-man theater piece taking a satirical look at homophobia & nationalism in the Black community. Opening night at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/26 listing for details.
Men Dancing XII: Thru 8/28 at 8 pm, with special Sun matinee 8/29 at 2 pm at Theater Artaud. Annual dance extravaganza will feature exclusively modern dance & ballet this year. Top-notch performers, innovative choreography. Tix $15. 450 Florida St, SF. Info: 621-7797.
At DNA Lounge: *Daddy Goddus*. 10 pm, $5. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

AUG 26 / THU

Pen to Paper: New creative writing class for adults 55 & over, spons by SF Jewish Community Center. 1:30-3:30 pm, taught by Margo Perin, novelist & short story writer. Includes techniques for getting started, discovering one's writing voice, effective dialogue, point of view & imagery. Learn how to turn your life experiences into polished stories. All levels of writers are welcome. Thurs, 1-3:30 pm, $4 per session. Montefiore Senior Center, SFJCC, 3200 California St, SF. Info/res: Ada Burko 346-6040 ext 3061.
Men's Friendship Group spons by GLOE—See 8/12.
New Horizons support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual adults ages 21-29. 6:30-7 pm drop-in for first-time visitors, 7-8:30 pm group time for everyone. Info: 457-1115 or 457-3523.
Women's Equality Day Luncheon: Spons by SF NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women) at Empress of China Restaurant, 838 Grant Ave at Washington, SF. Awards Cermony: Delaine Eastin, Calif Assemblyperson from Fremont, receives the Political Woman of the Year award, Ruth Picon of the Latino Democratic Club receives the Community Organizer of the Year award. Keynote Speaker: Susan Kennedy, executive director of the California Democratic Club. Come celebrate women's right to vote! Noon-12:30 reception (no-host bar), 12:30-2 pm lunch & program. Tix $40. Info/res: 861-8880.
Women Who Make A Difference Awards Ceremony in honor of Women's Equality Day: Noon, SF City Hall Rotunda. Ceremony honors 10 distinguished women in City service. Spons by the Commission on the Status of Women and the SF Mayor's Office. Wheelchair Accessible. Please refrain from wearing scented products.
At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Author Mary Morris (*Nothing to Declare, Wall to Wall*) reads from her new novel, *A Mother's Love*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.
Rainbow's End support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning youth ages 14-23: 6:30-7 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors; 7-8:30 pm group time for everyone. Info: 457-1115 or 457-3523.
At Cody's Books: Anne Lamott reads from *Operating Instructions*, a journal chronicling the birth of her son and their first year together. 7 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Ronald Takaki, ethnic diversity scholar, discusses his new book, *A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America*. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Overcoming Heterosexual Conditioning—How does it affect our lives, how do we unlearn it? All women are welcome! Info: Marilyn (415) 583-1649 or Lynn (408) 737-9229.
At The Booksmith: Kathy Acker reads from her new novel, *My Mother Demonology*. 7:30 pm. 1644 Haight St, SF. Info: 863-8688.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Ellen Lewin reads from her new book *Lesbian Mothers: Accounts of Gender in American Culture*, an anthropological look at lesbian parenthood. 7:30 pm.

parents & kids box

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services Parenting Program provides a wide variety of parenting resources, for details call 565-7674. 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF.
Randall Museum Programs: Workshops & classes for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking available. Sat workshops begin at 1 pm and last 1-2 hrs, sign-ups begin at 12:30, call 554-9600 for details. August Classes: 8/14: **Stone Age Pottery** with Dennis Treanor: Learn about the history of pottery while making & decorating coil & pinch pottery as it was done thousands of years ago; $3 per person. 8/21: **Postcards from the Randall** with Julie Dodd: Design & make your own unique postcards using maps & other collage materials; $3 per person. 8/28 **Science Puzzles** with John Dillon: John uses pennies, balloons, broomstocks & bottles to try to stump you with simple problems that flex brain musicles & teach a little science at the same time; $2 per person. **Other Saturday Programs:** Free **"Animal Talk,"** at 2:15 pm every Sat. **Model Railroad Exhibit** 2nd & 4th St, 1-4 pm. **Master Crafts Demo** 8/28, 12:30-2 pm: Betsy Berberian gives a craft demo on neon sign making. 199 Museum Way, SF. Spons by the SF Recreation & Parks Dept.
Eastbay Lesbian Moms interest group: Come meet other moms with children of all ages for friendship, networking, childcare exchange, potlucks, outings, fun! 8/21 at 4 pm at The Tea Spot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley (½ block from University Avenue). All kids are welcome! (510) 836-2165.
Non-Biological Moms to Be Group: See the "Parenting & Family Resources" section of the Resource Guide for details.
Pregnant Now Group for lesbians, singles/couples, who are now pregnant. See "Parenting & Family Resources" section of the Resource Guide.
Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Group Annual Summer Camp will be held in August, for more info on this event call 457-1115. End-of-summer picnic at local beach. 11 am-4 pm. Children of all ages and newcomers are welcome! For location/info call 457-1115 Spons by Spectrum.
Children's Story Hour at Modern Times Bookstore: 8/28 at 3 pm. Storyteller Elizabeth Summers reads stories, folktales & legends for and about children from around the world, in celebration of cultural diversity. 888 Valencia St btwn 19th & 20th, SF. Info: 282-9246.
Children's Story Time at A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: 8/21 at 1 pm, free. For kids ages 4 & older. Diana deRegnier uses storiees, songs & other surprises to encourage children to indulge in the special joy, wisdom & creativity of childhood. **GET ADDRESS & PHONE**
For Kids at the deYoung Museum: Fri, 8/13, 10 am-2 pm: **"Beauty & Mystery—Teotihuacan: City of the Gods,"** children explore the beauty & mysery of Teotihuacan in classes taught by specially trained high school students. Kids view the exhibit, examine touchable art & participate in an art-related activity. Classes available in English & Spanish, they're free, but adv reg is required & kids can enroll in only one class. Call 750-7641 for info/res. **"Doing & Viewing Art"**, for kids ages 7-13. Sat 8/14 & 21, 10:30 am-noon. Tours of current exhibits are followed by studio workshops given by professional artist/teachers. Kids learn about art by seeing & making it. Children accepted on drop-in basis. Free. Info: 750-3658. **"Creative Campus,"** for ages 9-15, 8/16-27, 9 am-3 pm: Full-day summer arts camp. Participants study visual arts, theater, dance & music at the deYoung Museum and the Academy of Sciences. $260. Info: 331-7742.
Caribbean Tea Party at Dunsmuir House & Gardens, spons by the Caribbean Cultural Association. 11 am-3 pm, free admission to the grounds & the tea party (horse-drawn carriage rides & mansion tours available). Fun-filled afternoon, with food, music, dance & storytelling. 2960 Peralta Oaks Court. Oakland (off I-580 east at 106th Ave). For info call (510) 562-3232.
Immunization Fair spons by SF Dept of Public Health, Health Center #2. Children can get all the shots they need, then go off to the park across the street for an all-day fair with free food, face painting, balloons and other fun stuff. Remember to bring your child's immunization record and bring any other children you have (the fair is not only for school-age children, any inadequately-immunized child is welcome. Immunizations are free. 1301 Pierce St at Ellis, SF. 8:30 am-5:30 pm. Info: 292-2130.
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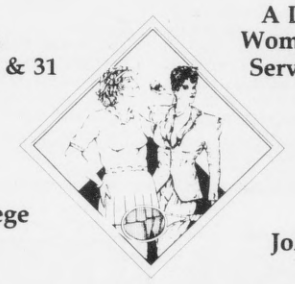

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489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Claiming Our Desire: Wkshop focuses on helping survivors of sexual trauma & abuse fully reclaim full erotic lives. Come see how masturbation, sex toys, diverse sexual practices and fantasy can be healing tools. Two-part wkshop (tonight & tmw, 8-10:30 pm) explores how abuse affects sexuality and provides exercises for rebuilding the erotic & sexual self. Come prepared to examine & release old pain while making room for full expression of your sexuality. Facilitated by two survivors, Blake C Aarens, erotic author & senior editor of *Ache: A Journal for Lesbians of African Descent* and Staci Haines, experienced facilitator and store manager of Good Vibrations. $40, women only, pre-reg required. Good Vibrations, 1210 Valencia St, SF. Info/reg: 974-8980.

At Freight & Salvage: Celtic music & more with *Fabulous Fiddlers Three*. 8 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

NY performer John Patterson in "Nefertiti, The Pyramid Queen or How I Almost Shot Off My Wig As I Was Trying to Get Onstage Tonight," a one-man theater piece taking a satirical look at homophobia & nationalism in the Black community. Patterson created Nefertiti as a response "to the madness of nationalism, separatism, religious homophobia—the whole last ditch effort being mounted to blunt the empowerment of gay men & lesbians. It is especially painful for me to watch so many Black leaders 'integrate' themselves into the mainstream backwardness which seeks to destroy all my gay brothers & sisters in the name of God & good government." The ebullient Black drag queen Nefertiti critiques the minds & methods of the members of the fancy Black men's club who threaten her life after she sings her own distinctive paean to self-esteem & economic development. Patterson's "theatrical kick in the teeth" runs Wed-Sun 8/25-9/5 at 8 pm. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

ETVC, TV/TS & Friends Club, presents "South of the Border Vacation," an end of the month social. Includes Great Legs contest! 8 pm. Info/location (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF 94142. ETVC is a 400-member support/social group for the transgender community.

At DNA Lounge: *Fuzz Factor*. 9:30 pm, $5. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

on stage

Summertime Dance Project series presents "Squad" at Theatre Artaud thru Aug 15. Photo by Elizabeth Gorelik

The Lost Episode One of These Days 2: hilarious comedy by Joseph Leonardi & Jeff Thompson, the sequel to last year's hit, "One of Those Days." Play finds the gay sons of "The Honeymooners" partying with the Daughters of Lesbos. Theatre Rhino production. Runs thru 8/14. Thurs-Sat at 8 pm. Tix $12. 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

Free Will & Wanton Lust by Nicky Silver. Hilarious & harrowing comedy about an uproariously dysfunctional Park Avenue family. Cable Car Theatre production. Show runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm, Sat at 2 & 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, in an open-ended engagement. Tix: $18. 430 Mason St, SF. Info/res: 982-SHOW (7469).

String of Pearls, four mini-operas based on mythological subjects written by leading composers & librettists. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm, thru 8/15 at The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St at 22nd, SF. Tix $12 gen'l, $10 stdnts, srs & financially disadvantaged. Info/res: 641-0235.

Close Your Mind & Kiss Me by the Underworld Opera Company, in collaboration with Aquavideo video production collective. Farce follows the voyage of the rocket cruiser Kozy Fire, a vessel of the Intergalactic Federation for Convenience & Dependability. Runs Fri & Sat at 8:30 & 10:30 pm, 8/12-14. Somar Theater, 934 Brannan St, SF. Info/res: (510) 268-0246.

Snapshots from the Asylum by Madine Ish. A multi-personality solo extravaganza of comic insanity that takes a hilarious & unflinching look at a life spent shuttling between a successful stand-up career & an insane asylum. The Marsh production. Plays Thurs-Sat, thru 8/28 at 8 pm at La Val's Subterranean Cabaret, 1832 Euclid Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-7743. Tix $8 gen'l, $6 srs & stdnts.

Prelude to a Kiss by Craig Lucas. Gentle, magical love story. Hillbarn Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sun thru 8/28. 7 pm Wed, 8 pm Thurs-Sat, 2 pm Sun. Tix $9-15. Info/res: 349-6411. Hillbarn Theatre, 1285 E. Hillsdale Blvd, Foster City.

Why We Have A Body by Claire Chafee. Chafee's hit play, a humorous exploration of female myths & relation-

galleries

On Exhibit at the de Young: "Viewpoints XX: Louis Comfort Tiffany & Art Glass," exhibit of art glass by Tiffany and his American & European contemporaries, thru 8/22. "Viewpoints XXI: Politics & Populism: 20th Century Mexican Prints & Drawings from the Achenbach Foundation for the Graphic Arts," on exhibit thru 9/12. "Xochitl in Cuicat/Flower Song: Ten Nahuatl Poems from 16th Century Chronicles with Monoprints by Gustavo Ramos Rivera," exhibit on view thru 9/12. "Art Nouveau Dress," exhibit of Art Nouveau style clothing; thru 9/12. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: "General Idea's Fin de Siecle," This exhibit by General Idea comprises work made since 1987 that takes the AIDS crisis as its central allegory; exhibit runs thru 9/5. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Oakland Museum: "Sono Osato: Oakland Drawers," sculptural installation created from found objects, based on the artist's research into the history of the city of Oakland, thru 10/2. "Sharks! Fact & Fantasy," interactive, life-size displays on exhibit thru 9/5. "Imogen Cunningham: Ideas Without End," thru 9/19. "Alphabets, Bobbins & Crosstich: Samplers & Needlework Tools from the Collections of the Oakland Museum," exhibit features various types of samplers—embroidery, needlepoint, crewel & tambour work, knitting, darning, crochet, tatting and lace—that were part of a young girl's preparation for her domestic role from Colonial times thru the Industrial Revolution; on exhibit 9/18-1/2. Hrs: Wed-Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun noon-7 pm. 1000 Oak St at 10th (one block from Lake Merritt BART, five blocks from highways 880 & 980). Admission free unless noted. Info: (510) 238-3948.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "Prophetic Quest: 75th Anniversary of Jacob Landau," exhibit honors the 75th birthday of this famed artist; thru 9/19. "Evolution of an Artist," photos & prints by EM Lilien; thru 9/19. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 549-6950. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

The Jewish Museum: "Resistance & Rescue," exhibit of 43 black & white photographs of Judy Ellis Glickman which record the flight of Denmark's Jews to Sweden. The exhibit is supplemented by the oral & written recollections of Bay Area residents, both rescuers & survivors. Exhibit runs thru 8/15, and admission is free for this exhibit. Hrs: Sun-Wed, 11 am-5 pm, first Thurs of every month, 11 am-8 pm.

The Mexican Museum: "Gronk! A Living Survey: 1973-1993," works on exhibit thru 11/21. Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, Laguna & Marina Blvds, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids under 10 are free; first Wed of each month admission is free, noon-8 pm. Info:202-9700.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. Ansel Adams Port- folio IV," thru 9/5. "Proof: Los Angeles Art & the Photograph, 1960-1980," thru 8/22. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-5 pm; 1st Thurs of every month, 11 am-8 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Architrave Gallery: "Architects & Passages," exhibit of paintings, mixed media sculptures & furniture as functional forms. Work by John Aganon, Doug Burch, Sofanya and Lewis & Gallagher. On exhibit thru August. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-7 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 541 Hayes St, SF. Info: 621-4923.

Art Attack Gallery: "The Year of the Cock: Erotic Art," exhibit of provocative & engaging art bringing together a wide array of contemporary expressions of eroticism. 323 Divsadero St, SF. Info: 621-3505.

Asian Art Museum: "Earth Bones: Strange Rocks from the Collection of Ian & Susan Wilson," exhibit of *guaishi* ("strange rocks"), thru 9/12. Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, 10 am-5 pm. Admission: $5 gen'l, $3 srs 65 & over, $2 youth ages 12-17, free for kids under 12. Exhibit Hotline: 668-7855. General museum info: 668-8921. TDD 752-2635.

Christensen Heller Gallery: Sculpture by Robert Van Norman. Thru 8/29. 5831 College Ave, Oakl. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. Info: (510) 655-5952.

Bayfront Gallery. "The Bizen Sonata," 90-piece multicultural & multimedia exhibit of Pacific Rim Art, directed by Dr Ronald Phillip Tanaka. On exhibit thru 9/26. Hrs: noon-5 pm daily and in the evenings during performances at the Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Center, Building A, SF. Info: 441-5706.

Circle Gallery of Animation & Cartoon Art: 465 Powell St, SF. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Sun-Tues, 10 am-10 pm Wed-Sat. Info: 781-5464.

The Clay Studio: Hrs: Wed-Sat, 10 am-5 pm, and by appt. 52 Julian Ave, SF. Info: 431-6296.

Gallery on the Rim: "Mojuu Totem Sticks," exhibit of carved staffs and related paintings by John P Choice, on exhibit thru 8/14. Exhibit of work by Jayne A Harnett, mixed media on paper & sculpture (marionettes & masks), opens 8/17, artist's reception 8/20, 6-10 pm. Exhibit runs thru 8/29. 333 Third St, Ste 200, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun 11 am-7 pm. Info: 543-7007.

John Francis Studio Gallery. "The Transformed World of Zoravia Bettiol," exhibit of works by Brazilian artist Zoravia Bettiol. On exhibit thru 8/31. 580 York St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-4 pm. Info: 864-0280.

John Pence Gallery: 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

The Lab Gallery: "Spur," an audio installation by Ed Osborn, part of "Earshot," a series of sound and sight works. Opening reception 9/1, 5:30-7:30 pm, exhibit runs thru 10/2. 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Wed-Sat. Info: 346-4063.

The Luggage Store Gallery: "Cultural Void," mixed media sculpture by Shawn Weber and paintings & sculpture by Craig Bono, on exhibit thru 9/5. Hrs: Thurs-Sat, 1-5 pm, and by appt. 1007 Market St, SF. Info: 255-5971.

Robert Dana Gallery: 1849 Union St, SF. Hrs: Mon & Wed-Sat, 10 am-6 pm; Sun 11 am-5 pm. Info: 749-1849.

Robert Koch Gallery: "Introductions 1993," and "Lynne Cohen: Lost & Found," on exhibit thru 8/28. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

SF Arts Commission Gallery: Exhibit of works by Bruce Cannon, Brian Goggin, Perry Hu & Jeffrey Sully; thru 9/4. Artists talk, 8/12 at 7 pm. 155 Grove St, SF. Info: 554-9682.

SF Camerawork: "said things," an investigation of oral traditions & storytelling in our hybridized society, by Ann Chamberlain and "genealogical bewilderment," an installation by Kim Yasuda examining adoptee issues. Both exhibits run 9/9-10/9, opening reception 9/10, 6-8 pm. 70 12th St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 621-1001.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Gertrude Parker: A Lightness in Being," exhibit of sculpture made out of gut (hog or beef intestines) with wire; thru 8/29. "From the Heart of Ogun: Steel Drum Sculptures of Haiti," exhibit of metal sculpture made by Haitian artists using recycled steel drums; thru 8/29. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

SF Art Institute. "Sue Williams: Recent Work," paintings dealing with domestic dysfunction, eating disorders, obsessive behavior & the violent psychological & sexual abuse of women; on exhibit thru 8/14. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Thurs till 8 pm. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Info: 771-7020.

University Art Museum. "Gertrude Jekyll: Private Gardens, Vanishing Arts," thru 9/19 at Theater Gallery. Several garden tours plus film screening & lectures to be held in conjunction with this exhibit, please call for details. 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Pacific Film Archive: 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-1412.

Vision Gallery: Photos by Harry Callahan on exhibit thru 8/28. Hrs: Mon-Sat, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.

Vorpal Gallery: "What's New?" exhibit of works by 40 artists from SF & NY galleries. Runs thru 9/18. 393 Grove St, SF. Info: 397-9200.

MACE Space for Art: "Biomorphic Fantasies II," solo exhibit by Glenn Hirsch, on exhibit thru 8/28. JoeSam solo exhibit, mixed media & sculpture on exhibit 8/31-10/9, opening reception 9/2, 6-9 pm. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.

Mincher/Wilcox Gallery: 228 Grant Ave, SF. Info: 433-4660.

Mole Gallery: Hrs: 4 pm-2 am. 3286 22nd St at Valencia, SF. Info: 553-8982.

Morphos Gallery: "Mobility," an installation by Elliott Linwood, thru 9/15. 544 Hayes St, SF. Info: 626-1936.

Pro Arts Gallery: "Kate Connell: Loss of Limb," a multimedia installation exploring physicality; and "Scott Braley: The Homeless Photography Project," selection of works resulting from a continuing project teaching photography to the homeless; "Drawings by Barry Simons"; thru 8/21. 461 9th St at Broadway, nr 12th, Oakl. Hrs: Wed-Thurs noon-6 pm, Fri-Sat 10 am-5 pm. Info: (510) 763-4361.

Richmond Art Center: "Issues & Objects: Northern California Craft in the 1990s," on exhibit thru 9/12. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm; Sat-Sun noon-4:30 pm. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

ARU Gallery: Hrs: 11 am-7 pm, Tues-Sat. 736 14th St, SF. Info: 621-1551.

NIAD Gallery: Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm, Sat 11 am-3 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

New Langton Arts Gallery: Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Mixed Medium Works by artists with AIDS. Show spons by EACH (Early Advocacy & Care of HIV) Program and Continuum HIV Day Services. Abstracts, collages, icons, nudes, scenery and still lifes on wood, acrylics, oils, watercolors, tapestry, ceramic & mixed media. Thru August. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210.

"Scapes," new watermedia interior & exterior landscapes by Eileen Blodgett, on exhibit thru 9/1 at New Conservatory Theatre Gallery, 25 Van Ness Ave. Info: 861-8972.

"About Time," artwork by participants in positive art; an exhibit of paintings, drawings, sculpture, poetry & mixed media works created by men & women living with HIV disease. On exhibit thru 8/14 at Nexus Gallery, 2701 8th St at Carleton, Berkeley. Viewing by appt only, call (510) 486-8118.

Solo Exhibition of watercolors by SF gay artist Richard Bolingbroke. Thru August at Sweet Inspirations Gallery Cafe, 2239 Market St, SF. Ten percent of proceeds benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund.

Death Row Art Show: American Friends Service Committee spons exhibit of works by prisoners on California's Death Row, including works by David Mason, whose execution appears imminent. Friends Center, 2160 Lake St, SF.

"Los Hermanos Gonzalez Chavajay Mariano & Matias," narrative genre oil paintings by two Tz'utujil-Maya artists from Guatemala, on exhibit thru 9/6 at Cafe Nidal, 2491 Mission St, SF. Info: 285-4334.

Photography by French photographer Jean-Baptiste Carhaix (famous for his photographs of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence). Exhibit of Carhaix's recent work runs thru 8/21 at the Art Club in Oakland. Open by appt only, call (510) 532-1424 for info/res.

"Super Feature," new works in acrylic, silk-screen on paper, canvas & wood by Jim Winters, on exhibit at Kiki, 483 14th St at Guerrero, SF. 8/13-9/4. Info: 863-KIKI.

Paintings by John LeFlore on exhibit at Cafe Encore, 488 Post St, SF, thru 9/15. LeFlore's work is also on exhibit at Suzanne's Muffins, 564 Castro St, SF, thru 8/30 and at RJ Fine Foods, 1609 Polk St, SF thru 9/30. Info: 567-6091.

ships (including an affair between a married woman and a lesbian private investigator) has been extended for a third time. Play runs Wed-Sun at at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm, thru 8/29. Bayfront Theater, Ft Mason Bldg B, SF. Third floor. Tix $17-23 gen'l, srs & stdnts $12. Info/res: 441-8822.

Offshore, SF Mime Troupe presents the new play for its 31st summer season of free plays in parks. "Offshore" is set in the very near future. The US & Japan are locked in a trade dispute—the US threatens prohibitive tariffs on Japanese semiconductors unless Japan allows imports of American rice—which industry will become a sacrifice to global economy? Play runs in various SF & Eastbay parks throughout the summer. For showtimes & other info call 285-1717.

Twyla's Boy by Charles E Polly. Play about growing up gay in Appalachia. Humorous, poetic & intimate story of one rural family's clashes with issues of identity, single motherhood & homosexuality. Eastenders Repertory production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, 8/26-9/19 (no performance on 8/29) at Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St, btwn Laguna & Octavia, SF. Tix $10 Thurs & Sun, $13 Fri & Sat. Info/res: (510) 841-6510.

On Sight (in Sausalito) by Chris Hardman & Ron Davis. Unusual walk-thru theatrical performance takes audience members on a participatory "time-traveling" tour using the entire town of Sausalito as its stage. Audience members wear portable radio receiver headsets & hear a montage of interviews, sound effects & music. Masks, giant puppets, performance sculpture, video & interactive audio technology also used. Antenna Theater production. Runs thru 9/11 at Sausalito City Hall parking lot, 420 Litho St (2 blocks west of Bridgeway), Sausalito. Fri & Sat at 8:30 pm. Tix $15. Adv res required. Info/res: 331-8512.

Forty-Deuce a play by Alan Bowne. Harsh & realistic portrayal of pre-AIDS, early Reagan-era street life laces sex, drugs, class & death into a powerful story of mistrust & failed ambitions. Four NY street hustlers get caught in a blackmail scheme that appears to be a way out but becomes a downward spiral from which they cannot escape. State of Vermont production. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm thru 8/21. Tix $12. Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

Anne Darragh and Andrew Dolan in Lee Blessing's "Down the Road," at the Magic Theatre thru Sept. 25. Photo by Jake.

Metamorphosis, Steve Berkoff's adaptation of Franz Kafka's classic. Gregor Samsa, the commercial traveler who awakens one morning to find himself transformed into a gigantic dung beetle, is not longer a lost, alientated soul consumed by the terror of living. Instead he is a martyred victim of a greedy, parasitic society symbolized by his father. SF Theatre Project production. Play runs Wed-Sun thru 8/22 at 8:30 pm. Tix $10-$17.50. Info/res: 474-8855. Magic Theatre-Southside, Ft Mason Center, SF.

Bewitched, the Play. Show brings modern themes into the hexy TV series, bringing "Bewitched" into the '90s. Darrin constantly torments Samantha about expressing her natural self, but Samantha finally takes back some power. Neptune productions. Play runs 8/19-9/28 at 8 pm at New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info/res: 861-8972.

Ker-SHMACKidda: Live musical sketch comedy extravaganza. Witness two fat fags & a skinny straight girl carry on like poor white trash for only five bucks. Show runs 8/13 & 8/28 at 9 pm. Tix $5. Pre-show cocktail hour 8-9 pm. Kimo's, Polk & Pine, SF.

Metropolis improv comedy group presents a panorama of unique characters, scenes & songs at Marina Music Hall. Sat, 8:30 pm, thru 10/30. Tix $8. Info/res: 563-2496. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, 2nd fl, SF.

The Cereal Killers a rock opera written by D'Arcy Drollinger. Pop trio Enrique stars in the world premiere of this rock opera, described as "the Rocky Horror Show meets Bye Bye Birdie." The plot centers around Junior Jones, a lonely adolescent whose only companions are his estranged mother and his 24" color TV set. His life changes when he enters a TV contest and is thrust into the surreal world of television. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, with a special midnight show on Fri, thru 9/21. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St at Octavia, SF. Tix $10-12. Info/res: 626-5455.

Play On by Rick Abbott. Madcap farce about a community group trying to put on a newly written play. Art Rise Studio Theatre production. Play opens 8/20 with an opening night dessert gala at 7 pm, runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm thru 9/4, Sun matinee at 2 pm on 8/29. Art Rise Studio Theatre, 753 Del Monte Ave, South San Francisco. Tix $15 opening, $10 gen'l, $8 srs & stdnts. Info/res: 873-2442.

Down the Road by Lee Blessing. A haunting, poetic & powerful drama about an incarcerated psychopath who ensares two biographers into exploiting his story. Encore Theatre Company production. Play previews 8/12 & 13, opens 8/14, runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm thru 9/5. Tix $15-21. Info/res: 567-6076.

Quartermaine's Terms by Simon Gray. Play follows the varying fortunes of the students & staff of a school teaching English to foreign students during the '60s. Chamber Theater production. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm thru 9/19. Tix $15 gen'l, $13 Sundays. Phoenix Theatre, 8th St at Folsom, SF. Info/res: 931-6011.

"Gravytrain Takes the Rein," an evening of performance, dance & music with Dancers' Group/Footwork. Thurs-Sat, 8/12-14 at 8:30 pm. Tix $10. No one turned away for lack of funds. Footwork, 3221 22nd St, SF. Info/res: 824-5044.

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► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance), SF. Info: 241-8800 or FAX 252-9277.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

The Brothers Network is an African-American organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. Support groups include a Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling and ongoing African-American specific groups. Info: 749-6714. FAX 749-6706.

Men of African Descent with Disabling Disease Drop-in Support Group spons by the SF AIDS Foundation: Safe, confidential place to talk about HIV issues, share experiences with other men of African descent, discuss treatment options, support service access & other topics. Fri, 1:30-3 pm, SF AIDS Foundation, 3rd floor conference room, 25 Van Ness Ave at Market, SF. Info: 864-5855 or just drop in! No group held on 11/26 & 12/31 1993.

HIV/ARC/AIDS Gay/Bi Men's Peer Support Group meets Fri 10 am-noon at Pacific Center Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301, Walnut Creek. Open group, $5 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds). Info: Margaret Walker (510) 939-7711.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

Kaiser-San Francisco offers several HIV drop-in support groups: asymptomatic HIV, symptomatic HIV, AIDS, caregivers, women with HIV, multiple loss, HIV-negative men. For more info call Melissa Farley 202-2292.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

Valley of the Moon AIDS Project offers free, bimonthly support groups for people living with AIDS/HIV, and their friends & family. 1st & 3rd Tues of each month, 7-8:30 pm at Sonoma Vintage House, 264 First Street East, Sonoma (rooms 111 & 113) Info: David (707) 938-3765 or Sheana (707) 935-6260.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the

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The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

Health Center#1 offers an evening clinic for people who are HIV positive or have AIDS or AIDS-related conditions, and find it difficult to go the doctor during the daytime. Clinic serves the Mission, Castro/Eureka Valley, Potrero Hill, Glen Park, Diamond Heights, Noe Valley, Monterey and South of Market areas of SF. Bilingual, multicultural staff, sensitive to the needs of women with HIV. 3850 17th St, SF. Info/appt: 554-9750.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: Offers groups, grief support & resource materials for partners, spouses, friends & family members of persons affected by HIV/AIDS. Intro sessions Thurs 7:30 pm. Weekly open house Fri 5-7 pm. Everyone welcome! 114 Douglass St, SF. Info: 861-0877.

Home Care Companions, Inc offers free home care skills workshops for PWAs, their partners, family & friends. Get practical advice needed to help manage HIV disease at home. Licensed professionals teach the basics in a frank, positive atmosphere. The 5-evening course is offered monthly. Info/res: Celi Adams, RN 824-3269.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network -(TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430.

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical

Lillian Rabinowitz lectures at the Jewish Community Center on Aug. 19. See Calendar for info.

Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Danny Yu 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Group for HIV + Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men: Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by GAPA Community HIV Project. Call Paul 575-3933 for info.

Sex, Dating & Relationships: Ongoing group offered by GAPA Community HIV Project. For Asian or Pacific Islander gay/bisexual men who want to discuss these issues in an informal small-group setting. Group meets every 3rd Tues of the month at GCHP, 1841 Market ST, SF, 2nd floor, 7-9 pm. Info: Prescott 575-3939.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

Qi Gong Instruction offered at low charge ($1 per class) to SF residents with HIV/AIDS by the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Qi gong is a excercise/meditation practice from China which helps cultivate vitality & build endurance. Classe held Mon & Wed mornings, 11 am-noon at the ACTCM Community Clinic, 450 Connecticut St on Potrero Hill in SF. Instructor Charles Alston, LAc. Info/reg: 282-9603. Space limited.

Stop AIDS Mtg for men 50 & older. Meet other gay & bisexual men your age at a free, one-time, informal meeting to talk about safe sex; confidentially share your feelings, ideas & knowledge about AIDS and the effect it is having on us. Meetings are pro-gay & sex-positive, and designed to show us that we can still carry on sexual relationships. Info/reg: 621-7177.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm, 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV +, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF, 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD). Mental health services, interpreting services and psychosocial support. Info: 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

The Hearing Society of the Bay Area provides services for people with hearing loss related to HIV infection. Group offers a hearing aid loan program, hearing loss & communication classes for people with HIV/AIDS, voc rehab, social work services, loans of assistive devices & other audiological services. Fees determined by income, ability to pay & eligibility for MediCal, Medicare or Dept of Rehab programs. Karen 693-5870 (voice), 834-1005 (TDD)

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines). AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free, objective info. Send self, addressed, 52 cent stamped, 9"×6" envelope to Gustavo Wong, RD, POB 5681, Berkeley 94705-0681. Info: (510) 547-7893.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) acupuncture/herb detox therapy for alcohol/drug withdrawal for HIV-positive/PWA gay men. Info: Mark Denzin, LAc, 252-9040.

Pyramid Ridge Wellness Ctr: Scenic retreat focused on HIV healing. Offers private sessions & workshops. Uses effective energy technique that is non-invasive & non-biological. Fee based on ability to pay. Info: Carol Hannum (707) 869-0985.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation offers free acupuncture & herbal treatment to people of color with HIV. Mon-Fri, 12:30-2:45 pm. 1625 Carroll St at 3rd, SF. Info: 822-8200.

ARC/AIDS Vigil. See Political.

HIV +/AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Mon eves at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV + Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV + Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV + African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs, 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

St Mary's Hospital & Med Center offers: HIV & AIDS support group for gay & bisexual men living with HIV disease; Tues 5:30-7 pm, free; led by two facilitators. Group discussion focuses on the emotional aspects of living with HIV disease and/or having AIDS. 3-month commitment required, call Korey Wong 750-4923 for interview/info. Support Groups for people who have lost a loved one to AIDS—eight-wk groups are open to everyone, call 750-5718 for info/reg.

Visual Aid: Artists for AIDS Relief provides vouchers for art supplies to professional artists with life-threatening illnesses. Vouchers are redeemable at participating Bay Area art & photo stores. Applicants must have a letter of diagnosis of AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. Info: 391-9663.

Positive Resource, Inc: Nonprofit job referral service for people who are HIV positive. Organization provides a pool of skilled personnel to corporations, small businesses & individuals who require temporary & permanent employees. Info: Dori 928-1448.

The Respite Care Program of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF (VNH) offers up to 250 hours of respite care services so that family caregivers may have a break from caregiving responsibilities. The program is supported by CARE Act ("Ryan White") funding, and there is no charge to clients who meet the eligibility criteria. Info: 861-6959 ext 554.

Hospice by the Bay is a certified provider of home health care & hospice services for persons with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. People may receive these services in their homes or in a skilled nursing facility. Those eligible for services are also provided with practical/emotional support volunteers & support groups. Call 673-2020 for more information.

Veterans with HIV: You're not alone! Join fellow vets for an evening support group, camping trips & other social activities—free! Group meets at the VA clinic in Oakland, nr 12th St BART Station and all the bus lines. Both Eastbay & SF vets are welcome, the staff is very gay/lesbian-friendly! Info: Mike Rankin, MD (510) 273-7331.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 883-1921.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Henry Ohlhoff Programs (SF & Marin) provide treatment for substance abuse & eating disorders in environments that are sensitive to the needs of gay men, lesbians & bisexuals. Residential services available for men, outpatient services available for women, men, adolescents & families. Info: Men's residential—621-4388 (SF), 883-2494 (Novato); SF/Marin outpatient—221-3354.

Discover Your Right Livelihood Group: Talk about career goals & interests in a safe, anonymous 12-Step environment. DA/ACA Right Livelihood Meeting. 6:45 pm Mon at the Dry Dock, 2118 Greenwich St at Fillmore, SF. On the 22 Fillmore & the 43 Masonic Muni lines.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) services for people recovering from drugs and alcohol, see Health.

Self-Mutilators Anonymous (SMA) of SF: Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Castro. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. This is a closed meeting, please call (707) 528-9216 for more info. SMA is a recovery program based on the 12 Steps.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library: Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.

DAIR (Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research) maintins a categorized collection of over 150,000 clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 1970s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am]4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 673-0862. Mailing address: 2336 Market St #33, SF 94114.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

Bay Area Bisexual Women's Network: Loose network of bi women's groups around the Bay Area who offer support/discussion groups, spons wkshops & organize women-only events & social activities. For newsletter listing activities, discussion topics & other info call 641-1308 eves only.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.

Bi Women's Support Group: Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets 7-9 pm on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed of each month, and 1-3 pm on the last Sun. Info/location: Valerie 641-1308.

Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bi-Support Group at Pacific Center/Walnut Creek: 1250 Pine St, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 648-6332.

Bi-Friendly UC: Rap & social group for all members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community. Meets Wed, 6:30-8:30 pm. Location/info: (510) 642-6942. Spons by MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance). Wheelchair Accessible.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

Eastbay Bi Women's Social Group meets at the Tea Spot in Berkeley on Thurs, 7-9 pm. Info: Judith (510) 528-5331.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Peninsula Bi-Guys group for men into male bonding, beach parties, massage, hot springs, houseboat trips, bicycling, hiking, dining out, theater, cards, games & great conversation. Info: Roger 369-1610 or PO Box 610071, Redwood City, 94061.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Support & discussion group welcomes any bisexual, questioning or bi-friendly woman. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 7-9 pm, followed by social at a local cafe. New participants are asked to attend the 2nd Thurs meeting. $3-5 donation requested. Quarterly network listings available, send SASE to BiNet, PO Box 934, Santa Cruz, 95061-0934. For location/info call (408) 427-4556.

Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Social Group meets monthly. Info: 979-4023.

Marin Bisexual Social/Support Group meets in Central Marin on 1st & 3rd Wed of each month. Interested men & women are welcome. Info: Larry 454-5638.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group for bisexual youth, spons by LYRIC. See Youth.

Bisexual Group meets every Wed eve, 7-9 pm in SF. Couples 30+ especially welcome. Info/location: 441-1866.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

Eugene O'Neill's "Four Plays of the Sea" will be staged aboard the schooner C.A. Thayer at the Hyde St. Pier thru Sept. 26. See OnStage for details.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Dykes on Bikes Retrospective: Woman artist seeks photos or negatives documenting Dykes on Bikes from previous Gay Day parades for upcoming show. Info: 512-5788. Deadline 9/1.

Feminist/Womanist Writers Journal seeks entries from writers who support radical feminism, lesbian/womanist rights & community-building, re-instituting the matriarchy and changing sexist/racist language as a tool of empowerment. Journal to be launched in fall of 1993. For info/details: Suzanne (510) 540-7007 or JB (510) 601-8115.

Gay & Lesbian GOP Anthology: Gay & lesbian Republicans are encouraged to submit essays for a forthcoming anthology to be published by Alyson Publications in 1994. Anthology is being edited by Log Cabin Club president Rich Tafel. Personal stories, history, political perspectives & strategies are welcome. Send SASE to Rich Tafel, 21 Kirkland St, Cambridge, MA 02138. Deadline: 9/30.

The Next Step: Out from Under, Volume Two—Call for submissions from lesbians who are "old-timers" in recovery, for a new anthology focusing on lesbians in recovery from a variety of addictions, with a focus on later stage (eight-plus years) recovery. Any style/format and recovery program considered. Send SASE for guidelines to Jean Swallow, OFU2 Editor, 2404 California St #27, SF CA 94115. Deadline: 11/1.

Bearing the Unbearable: Stories of Losing Loved Ones to AIDS: Submissions sought for an anthology edited by Leslea Newman, to be published by Crossing Press. First person nonfiction narratives in prose & poetry sought. Send SASE for writers guidelines BEFORE sending manuscript to: Leslea Newman, Bearing the Unbearable, PO Box 815, Northampton, MA 01061. Deadline: 3/15/94.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night! 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.

Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Alternative Dyke Space offers fun & games, music, conversation, etc for women in an alcohol and smoke-free environment. For event schedule see Main Calendar listings. 4035 18th St. SF (one block from Castro).

Please check the "Hobbies" section for related groups.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.

of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.

The Wellness Community: A free program of hope, learning & friendship for adults with cancer, and their families. Offers support groups, workshops, resource library & social events. SF & Eastbay. Info: (510) 933-0107.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) acupuncture/herb detox theraphy for alcohol/drug withdrawal. Info: Mark Denzin, LAc, 252-9040.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

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Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.
Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.
Men's Nude Drawing Group: For men who like to draw the male form. Members of the group draw & pose for each other. Wed, 7-9 pm, free. Info/location: 626-8349.
Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends; celebrate the lives, times & deaths of Barnabas, Angelique & the rest of the Collins clan. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.
Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.
Lavendar Winds Kite Club: Group for gay/lesbian kitefliers, and those with an interest in kites. Lavendar Winds Kite Club is a chapter of the American Kitefliers Association. For more info write Brian, PO Box 5118, #464, Fremont 94537 or call (510) 797-6997.
Dreamers & Dreamworkers Group for those interested in searching the creative power of dreams. Group of loyal friends meets regularly to share our dreams & help each other discuss the meaning of inner thoughts. Info: 584-1034.
Quicktricks. America's only accredited lesbian & gay bridge club, offers 8-wk series of classes for beginners (you can start at anytime). Call 641-4355 for info.
Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual International Folkdancing Group meets Tues, 7:30-9:30 at Eureka Valley Recreational Center on Collingwood St in the Castro, SF. Learn mostly line dances from Bulgaria, Macedonia, Israel, Canada, Scandanavia, etc. Beginners are welcome! No partner needed. Teaching 7:30-; dancing 8-9:30. Info: Jim 585-9784. Group is about evenly split, male & female.
Gay Macintosh Users Group meets every 4th Mon: 7 pm social, 7:30 pm program. Nonprofit. Everyone welcome! New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 552-GMUG.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard. Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm, Sun 2-8 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & life-styles. 621-7300.
SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.
Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.
Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357.
Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.
Battered Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders: 24-hr hotline, in-person counseling, restraining orders, support groups. Call CUAV 333-4357 (crisis) or 777-5500 (non-emergencey). Confidential.
Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.
Epicenter Switchboard: Free, nonprofit information & refferal service offered by Epicenter Zone. The switchboard provides social services information for SF and the Bay Area—healthcare, housing, youth services, legal aid, disabled needs, activists groups, employment, women's needs; lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender services, crisis lines, parenting help, and much more. Hrs: Mon-Sat, noon-6 pm. Call 431-4600.
SF Rape Treatment Center: 24-hr hotline—206-3222. Call for crisis intervention, medical treatment, in-person counseling and optional legal evidence collection for adult survivors of sexual assault. SFRTC is a multicultural organization supportive of lesbian, gay, biseuxal and transgender people. All services are free and confidential.
Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa & Marin: 24-hr crisis line for sexual assault & abuse survivors. Call (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.
SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.
AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.
Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.
SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.
Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.
Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.
SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.
Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.
ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.
Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.
Eldercare Locator: Provides access to an extensive netowrk of organization sreving older people at state & local community levels. Call (800) 677-1116. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc of Area Agencies on Aging.
Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.
Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.
SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.
Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.
California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.
Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.
Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.
The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Codependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.
Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.
AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).
SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.
SF Youth Line: 752-2000
SF Drug Line: 752-3400.
Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.
La Raza Lawyer Referral Service (LRLS): Get consultation with an attorney experienced in the area of law you need. Info: 641-1069.
LYRIC Youth Talkine for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning youth (23 & under): Talk to other young people, get info on events & activities. SF: 863-3636. Bay Area: 1-(800)-246-PRIDE.

Comic Maureen Brownsey will bring you her own special brand of humor at Whiptail Lizard Lounge's alternative dyke space in the Castro on Aug. 21. Check Calendar for info.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous: 12-step, self-help group meets Thurs, 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.
Ritual Abuse Survivors (RAS) Group: Group for women & men. Open discussion of all aspects of RA experience. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: Jennie 648-0347.
Ritual Abuse Survivors Support Group for women who practice some form of Buddhist meditation as part of healing from RA. Meet monthly to sit, write, share. No writing experience necessary. Free. Info: (510) 534-9928.
SIA: Unrestricted discussion with main focus on ritual abuse. Group meets every Mon, 6-7:30 pm at Pacific Center. Mixed group, m/f. Info: Tina (510) 845-1801.
Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors offered individual therapy, support groups, legal advocacy & crisis line thru Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin. Info: (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.
Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.
Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.
Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by their male partners. For info, call CUAV 777-5500. Confidential.
Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.
Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.
Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
Peninsula Battered Lesbian & Bisexual Women Support Group: Free, confidential group offered by Support Network for Battered Women. Individual counseling & legal assistance also available. Info: Anne, Support Network for Battered Women, 940-7855.
Battered Lesbian Support Group for lesbian & bisexual women who have been physically, emotionally or sexually abused in their relationships. 8-wk group is focused on supporting women to begin the healing process & learn to have loving, safe relationships. Info/res: Alison McKenzie or Mary Lee Gates at Marin Abused Women's Services 457-2464.
La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.
Services for Battered Women: Counseling, referrals & support for women who have survived domestic violence. Free & bilingual (Eng/Span). Call Cristina at 552-2943 for info.
Servicios Para Mujueres Maltratadas: Consejo individual, recomendaciones a recursos comunitarios y apoyo para jujreres que han sobrevivido la violencia domestica. Servicios son gratuitos y bilingues esp/ing. Llame a Cristina a 552-2943 para mas informacion.
For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha (510) 835-8919.
Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.
Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.
Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.
Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.
Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.
Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.
Single Adoptive Moms: Support group for lesbian women considering or in the process of adopting. Eastbay location. Info: Jan (510) 474-9985.
Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.
Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.
Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.
NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.
Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.
The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents, see Health.
Support Group for Non-Biological, non-legal, "other" mothers whose parental rights are not being honored by the biological mother, or who feel in danger of not being allowed to see their children. Eastbay location. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311.
Pregnant Now Group: Free group for lesbian singles/couples, who are pregnant now & want to meet for networking, support & fun. Info: Judy 821-9745.
Non-biological Moms-to-Be Support Group: Non-facilitated. Informal group of women interested in discussion & support during insemination & pregnancy. Call Melissa 346-8714.
Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.
Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.
Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Zebra Brigade: Social organization for Black and white lesbian couples. Mtgs in SF & Eastbay. For more info call (510) 528-9429.
African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.
Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.
Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.
Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.
Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.
AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.
Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
Trikone: Support group for gay & lesbian South Asians (people of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan & Nepali descent). Meets 1st Sun of each month at 6 pm in San Jose. For more info write PO Box 21354, San Jose 95151-1354 or call (408) 270-8776.
CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF, 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.
CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.
GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.
AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Gay Latino organization committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. For mtg times & other info call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.
Asian Pacific Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Young (510) 465-7394. for more information.
Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.
Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.
Vietnamese Lesbians' Group (VLG): Support group for Vietnamese lesbians & Vietnamese women questioning their sexuality. Monthly mtgs, lots of food, fun & friends. Confidentiality respected. Info: (415) 575-3934 or (510) 653-0852.
Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.
Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in, Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA) group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF, 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.
Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.
Pacific Friends-SF: Non-political organization whose sole purpose is to promote greater cross-cultural understanding & friendship between Asian/Pacific Islanders and other cultures, thru cultural, educational & social activities. Info: Robert 227-0946 or Elliot 564-7199.

Iranian Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Group: Meet others like you, get support. Info: Hasha, PO Box 460 495, SF 94146-0495.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

The Brothers Network provides emotional support to African American gay and bisexual men who are HIV+. Services include support groups, peer counseling. See AIDS Resources.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month, 7 pm, $5, 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.

African-American Young Men: Discussion group spons by LYRIC, see Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call (510) 486-8984.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.

Rainbow Singers: Spiritually-centered vocal ensemble of gay/queer men; performs chants, rounds, improvisations for healing, empowering & celebrating. Mostly a capella, but drums, instruments welcome. Experience & music-reading preferred. Call Kristopher 621-4099 for details.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.

Jewish Lesbian Writers Group welcomes Jewish women of all ages, all levels of serious writers. Poor or working class, Sephardic, Mizrachi & Jewish women of color are especially welcome. Mtgs in the Eastbay, every other Mon nights. Occasional public readings & writing retreats. Childcare costs paid. Chem-free space, group strives for accessibility. Please do not wear scented products. Please do write & talk about writing. Info/location: (510) 540-5564 or (510) 465-1294.

Novelists' Wkshop & Support Group: Meets Mon nights in SF. Women & men together. Submit 10 pages for review. Free. Info: Rita 824-9083 or Adrian 626-3129.

Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 540-7007 or JB (510) 601-8115.

Visual Artists Critique Group: Ongoing group mtgs provide consistent & informed feedback to visual artists. All levels of skill, technique & creativity are welcome; politically inspired or socially conscious work is encouraged, but not essential. Info: Claude 821-7931.

Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).

Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.

SF Fringe Riders: Bay Area's only women's country western performance dance troupe welcomes new members. Info: Wendy (510) 525-5912. For mailing list inclusion call Diane (510) 532-0281.

931 Cloggers: All-women's clogging team from San Jose. Group performs at rodeos, conventions, SF Freedom Day Parade and many other charity events. Info: Jaci Murray (510) 481-5101.

LIPS: (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on projects with others lesbians artists in a studio space. Ongoing workshops in different media. Info: Pamela (510) 222-4552.

Lesbian Playwrights Group meets Sunday afternoons. For details call (415) 282-4510 (SF) or (510) 436-3324 (Eastbay).

Just A Stage Lesbian & Gay Improv Comedy Theater Group: Wkly open workshops in improv with Just A Stage performers. New members are always welcome! Info: Ed 824-7929.

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. For meeting times, location & info call the Queer Line, 985-7141.

Transgender Nation: A focus group within Queer Nation fighting specifically for transgender rights, within the general struggle for queer rights. Group meets Wed at 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.

Queers for Cuba works to fight US blockade of Cuba & build solidarity with Cuban people, especially queers & people with AIDS/HIV. Group informs queer communities about Cuba, while combatting homophobia within the solidarity movement. Group is inclusive of gays, lesbians, bisexuals & transgender people, and operates from the belief that the struggle for queer liberation must also be a struggle against racism, sexism & class inequalities. Meets 1st Sun & 3rd Wed of

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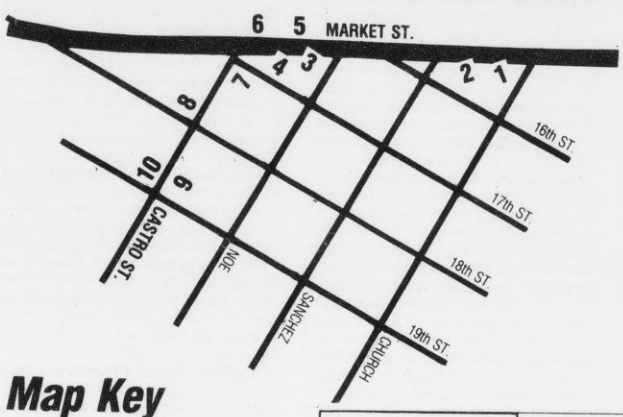

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ACT UP/Golden Gate holds general meetings on Tues 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B, SF (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance. Info: 241-8800, FAX 252-9277. Mailing address: 519 Castro St, MS-93, SF 94114.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.

GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, & seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

Lesbian Avengers: Direct action group focused on issues vital to lesbian survival & visibility. Open to all women. Group meets Mon at 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. For info/location call 267-6195.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

Lavender Greens: Independent gay/lesbian/bi/trans Green group creating ecofeminist community thru mtgs/salons. Meets 3rd Sat every month. Info: Anita (510) 465-4445 or Jim (415) 252-9169.

Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic pollitics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and Action Alert Network. For more info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Berkeley Women in Black: Weekly vigil for peace in the Middle East and against the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands. Non-hierarchical, diverse group of women who strive to build a non-patriarchal peace culture based upon the values of caring, equality and democratic empowerment. Meet Fridays from noon-1 pm at the corner of Bancroft Ave & Telegraph Ave in Berkeley, at Sather Gate. If possible, wear black. For more info write PO Box 936, Berkeley 94701 or call (510) 644-0480.

Classism Discussion Group for middle-and-upper-class lesbians meets monthly in Oakland. For time/location or more info call Elizabeth (510) 652-7729.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.

United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St, #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for gay men, lesbians & bisexuals in city planning & related professions. Bimonthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078. Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA): The gay "j's" are journalists & supporters focusing on workplace & coverage issues in the mainstream media. Info: 905-4690.

GAYLESTA (Gay & Lesbian Therapist Association) of the Bay Area. For newsletter/more info call (510) 339-8077.

Forty Plus: Nonprofit organization of managers & professionals over 40 seeking employment. Meets Mon at 8 am at 7440 Lockheed St, near Oakland International Airport. Presentations by experts in job search or career change. Call (510) 430-2400. Orientation sessions held 10 am each Wed at Forty Plus, San Jose Center, 1250 Aviation Ave, SJ. Call (408) 288-3555 for details. Free. Newcomers are welcome! Info: (510) 430-2400.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator helps families & friends find information about community services for older people, anywhere in the United States and its territories. The service is funded in part by the Older Americans Act. For info call (800) 677-1116.

Lesbians Age-Related Eyesight Loss Group: Self-help group for older lesbians who are experiencing age-related eyesight loss. Group explores practical, social & emotional issues of eyesight loss & aging from a feminist perspective. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc for Visually Handicapped. Info: 221-3201.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance at UC Berkeley (MBLGA): See Support Groups.

Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets 10:30-1:30 pm on the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. You don't have to live in the Berkeley Flats to attend, just bring something to eat or drink. Call the hotline (510) 273-2465 for location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Melting Pot Luck/Palo Alto meets monthly in our homes. All ages, males, females, singles & couples are welcome for neighborhood socials. Info: Bob 857-9079.

Melting Pot Luck/San Mateo County meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Owl, 325-9266.

Gay Asian Pacific Alliance presents "Runway 1993," the Miss GAPA and GAPA Man pageant at the Miyako Hotel on Aug. 14.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.

Oakland Lesbians living between Telegraph, Broadway, 40th & 51st Streets: Meet your lesbian neighbors for community & fun! Call (510) 655-8792 for more info & to get on the mailing list.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc. Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Napa Valley Men's Network: Social organization of gay and bisexual men over 18, from Northbay counties. Group meets for potluck dinners on the 2nd Sun of each month, and for addt'l events as scheduled. For newsletter, write PO Box 4307, Napa 94558.

Jewish Lesbian & Bi Women of the Southbay: Group meets bimonthly for social activities: potluck brunches, game nights, hikes, movies. Come schmooze, nosh & meet other Southbay Jewish women! Info: Joyce 965-8416.

Peninsula Bi Guys Group: See Bisexual.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics include: generation identity, PC, activism, racial issues, TV and gay & lesbian issues. SF location. Info: Raman 771-4291 or Erica 621-6946.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.

East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Nonsexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.

Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.

Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.

The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.

Negatives Being Positive: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

The Guys: A social alternative for athletic, active gay guys. Sun brunches, Tahoe, hiking, beaches, biking, pool, bowling, etc. Info:(510) 531-5836.

Couples Club of SF Bay Area: Group supports positive aspects of gay & lesbian relationships by providing social & educational activities for same-sex couples. Info: Mark & Mike 242-0319 or Liz & Sharon 242-0319.

Queer Deadheads gather for social events. For info/newsletter: Dave 285-6286.

Brainy, Artsy Gals: Social group for women into good food & conversation about the arts. Meets 1st Fri of each month, SF & Eastbay locations. Info: (510) 658-9389.

Der Deutsche Freundschaftskreis, a German-speaking potluck social group meets on the 3rd Fri of each month. All levels welcome. Info: Don 329-1438.

Salon for all persuasions: Immerse mind & heart in casual yet activated discussions of substance. Meetings twice-monthly. All ages welcome. Info: Sheila 824-2468 or Mitchell 861-5673.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & 2nd Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.

Temple Sinai of Oakland congregation cares & welcomes everyone to services: Fri at 8:15 pm; first Fri of the month is a family service, held at 7:30 pm. Shabbat morning service at 10:30 am, preceded by Torah study at 9. 2808 Summit St, Oakl. Info: (510) 451-3263.

Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.

Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.

Queer Minyan: Gay/Lesbian Jewish Renewal Group: Combines traditional forms & feelings of prayer with modern outlook. Egalitarian, warm & lighthearted Shabbos celebration, 1st & 3rd Fri of the month. No knowledge or experience necessary. Location/info: 334-8449.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info call 974-9878, please leave your phone number.

Vajrayana Buddhist Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 974-9878.

Tayu Center: a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern gay spiritual adept. Study groups meet 2nd Fri of each month at 7:30 pm in the Eastbay (776 Colusa Ave, El Cerrito), 3rd Tues at 8 pm in Marin (786 Marin Dr, Mill Valley) and last Tues at 8 pm in Sebastopol (898 Daniel St). Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.

Women's Spirituality Circle: Eastbay. Tues 7:30 pm. Free. Info: (510) 444-3337 or (415) 648-7592.

Imaging the Goddess as a personal, political & fun action. Make a unique politicl statement, explore your creativity & connections to strong images of wimmin. Free wkshops offered throughout Spring, all wimmin welcome, art-phobics especially encouraged. Eastbay & SF locations, call (510) 655-2179 for info.

J Krishnamurti Dialogues & Video Screenings offered in SF and the Eastbay. Dialogues are held every Mon in SF. Call (415) 469-0606 for time, location & other info.

Unitarian Universalist Church: Sun services at 11 am. Potluck every 2nd Sun. Congregation working toward becoming an intentionally welcoming community to lesbians, gays & bisexuals. 1187 Franklin St at Geary, SF.

Walnut Creek Interweave, a chapter of Unitarian Universalists addressing concerns of gays, lesbians, bis, TV/TS & straight allies meet last Sun of each month at Mt Diablo Unitarian Universalist church. 12:15 pm, after the 10:30 am service. Info: Alison (510) 228-0323 or Claudia (510) 937-7566.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues, 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

First Baptist Church, Berkeley welcomes and affirms lesbian, gay & bisexual people in all lay & professional ministries. Small, friendly, energetic congregation. Worship services Sun at 10 am in the chapel at the corner of Dana & Durant, Berkeley. Rev Esther Hargis, pastor. Info: (510) 848-5838.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

First Congregational Church of Christ: Post & Mason Sts, SF. A Church "open & affirming" of all people, with active lesbian & gay members involved in all levels of church life & worship. Info: 392-7461.

St John's United Church of Christ, Laguna Honda at Woodside. An open & affirming church, welcoming people of all ages, races, shapes, sizes and abilities. Worship at 10 am with people who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay & lesbian. Diversity is encouraged & celebrated. People who love to sing are especially welcome! Info: 731-9333.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Betty Pederson (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea or Jeff at (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship:

Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 1 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 861-2934.

Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of born-again Christian gays & lesbians reaching out with a message of Christ's resotring love to all people. Worship service Sun at 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Bible study Tues at 7:30 pm at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 208 Dolores St, SF. Info: Call 563-2973, or write Box 14462, SF 94114.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Icon Orthodox Fellowship: Support group by & for gay & lesbian Orthodox Christians. HIV-positive people are especially welcome. Info/brochure: 673-6729, 11 am-7 pm.

Saint Raphael's Liberal Catholic Church: An apostolic church based on theosophical ideals & freedom of thought. Homage to Our Lady held every Sun at 9:45 am, mass at 10 am. Services held at 220 Danvers St at Caselli, SF. Open communion. Everyone welcome. Info: Rev Martin Nowinski 550-1576.

Gay Clergy Support: Group for professed religious who would like to socialize & exchange with other gay religious and clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 649-1408 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners: Social and running/walking club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Southbay & Peninsula locations. Men & women welcome. Group meets every Sat at 9 am at the Baylands Athletic Center in Palo Alto. For more info call (408) 984-4076.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular "Decide & Ride" each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys while hiking, biking, camping, etc; or for informal social gatherings. No membership fees. Info: 927-3827.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 281-5666 (24-hrs).

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.

0**Wilderness Women** explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Practices: Thurs at 7 pm, Sun at 12:30 pm. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont, CA 94002.

Pegasus Motorcycle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 531-5243 or Allen/Marin (415) 389-0905. Also check Main Calendar.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Northern Calif Rainbow Divers: Lesbian & Gay Scuba Club for the active diver in Northern Calif. Meets 2nd Tues of every month at 7:30 pm at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF. Info: Greg Abrams 821-2877.

SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim team invites swimmers of all ages, races, gender & abilities to enjoy both competitive and non-competitive swimming. Group participates in meets, lake swims, int'l gay aquatic events & numerous social events throughout the year. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Info/locations: 431-1933.

Barbary Coast Boating Club: Gay yacht club serving Northern Calif. Meets every month at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 7-9 pm. All interested visitors are welcome! For meeting dates & other info: 905-6267.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.

Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.

Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 695-9056 or 863-2789.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 626-5427 x2.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Kenpo Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 731-7560.

Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.

Hand to Hand Martial Arts: Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.

PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.

Wing Tao Mobility Arts: Ongoing classes in Kung Fu for women, children & men. Info: (510) 652-5280.

Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

ABS (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society): Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.

Lesbian & Gay Ultimate Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. If you can play weekly & want a good workout, you're welcome! Call Claire 285-0936 for more info. All skill levels are welcome.

Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.

East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players social group. Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.

AbunDANCE Aerobic Dance Class for Large Women: All women size 16 and up are welcome to come boogie! Mon & Wed, 6-7 pm; Sat 11 am-noon; at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. SL donation negotiable. Info: 337-6379.

Eastbay Gay Men's Bowling Group: Meets 2nd Sun of every month at Mowry Lanes, 550 Mowry, Fremont, at 4 pm for no-stress bowling. Cost $8, includes 3 games & free shoe rental. All skill levels welcome! Info: Mark McClaughry (510) 797-6997 anytime before 9 pm.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by male partners—see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Adoptee Support Group for adoptees & those interested in adoptee issues. Mon 7:30-9 pm at SF State Women's Center, Student Union, 2nd floor, room 114. Free. Everyone welcome! Info: BJ 885-6124.

Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Walnut Creek Gay Support Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.

Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.

Hidden Disabilities/Chronic Pain Support Group for Women. Free. Leaderless. Eastbay location. Info: Dana (510) 658-0826.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.

Tri-Valley Gays/Lesbians: Support group for all gay people in the Tri-Valley area meets in Pleasanton, Mon at 5 pm at The Center, 4725 First St, Plesanton. Info: Claudia Hartley (510) 846-2085.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Career Support Group for Midlife lesbians who are unemployed, changing carers, newly employed or underemployed. 8-wk groups facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Mon 6-8 pm, low fee. Info: 431-6405.

Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.

Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Married & Divorced Men's Group meets Thurs eves in Palo Alto for social/support. Heterosexual, bisexual & gay men are welcome. Info: PO Box 1153, Palo Alto, 94301.

Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.

Gay Male Couples Support Group meets wkly. Group for men in committed relationships. Info: 861-4045.

Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: (510) 827-4077.

Fasting Support Group for Gay/Bi people. Meets weekly in San Mateo. Free. New fasters are welcome! Call Richard 573-8124 for info/location.

Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4657 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.

SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.

Peninsula FLAG: Monthly support group for parents & friends of lesbians and gays meets 7:30 pm, 2nd Wed of each month at First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave, San Jose and 3rd Thurs of each month at St Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Group welcomes gay, lesbian & bisexual persons for safe,

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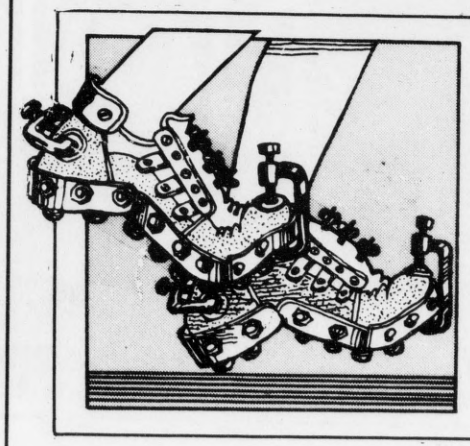

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The Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center provides support groups for deaf and hard-of-hearing queers. For info call 885-2341 TDD or use California Relay 1-800-735-2922. Several different groups offered.

MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance) at UC Berkeley spons support groups, socials and other events for members of the UC Berkeley and UCSF communities. Info: (510) 642-6942.

Former Jehovah's Witnesses: Support/social group for women who were former Jehovah's Witnesses. Info: 703-7147.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.

Intuitive Hypnotherapy for Women: Free group offers help in assessing the unconscious for intuition, psychic development, inner guidance, health & empowerment issues. 7:30 pm Mondays, North Berkeley location. Info: (510) 527-3844.

Jewish Family Service of Santa Clara County offers "Kavod" ("respect" in Hebrew), a counseling & education program that is sensitive to the needs of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & our families, with special outreach to Jewish clients. Support groups are also available on coming out, parents of gays & lesbians and Jewish identity. Fee subsidies available. For info/reg call Karen Belford, MSW, Kavod Project Director: (408) 399-2202.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618

SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

Transsexual Support Group: Group for anyone who is transsexual or has gender issues. Beginners welcome. Group meets every Fri except last Fri of the month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

Transgender Nation: Focus group of Queer Nation, see Political.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social, recreational & support activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. For info about activities or to talk to young people call 863-3636 (SF) or 1-(800)-246-PRIDE (outside SF). LYRIC's business number is 703-6150.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.

LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

Constant Craving Coffeehouse for Lesbian & Bisexual Women under 23: Last Thurs of each month at Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe, 14th St at Guerrero, SF. 7 pm. Spons by LYFE, LYRIC & the Women's Building. Info: 565-7681. 25-cent coffee & tea, plus music, food, live entertainment & lots of fun!

Young Women of Color Group: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 703-6150.

GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program) provides info & confidential counseling in San Mateo County for youth and their families affected by issues of sexual identity. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA. Info: Denee 342-5216.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.

Young Lesbians: (25 & under). Ongoing rap/support group meets every Tues evening, 6-7:30 pm at the Pacific Center, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-8283

Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3rd floor. Info: Call Felicia at LYRIC 703-6150.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group spons by LYRIC meets Tues, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 863-3636.

After-School Recreation Group for young people age 18 & under. Includes discussion, biking, hiking, camping, tennis, photography, self-defense class, movie nights. Info: Kathy at LYRIC 703-6150.

Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.

Lambda Youth Group: Gay, lesbian & bisexual support group for youth up to age 23 in southern Alameda County. Wkly mtgs on Tues, in a drug & alcohol-free environment. Occasional social activities, field trips, special events. Spons by Project Eden. Confidential. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Contra Costa Youth Group for gay, lesbian & bi youth, ages 21 and under. Group meets Sat at 5:30 pm at Pacific Center in Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Voices of Pride Sexual Minority Center in Oakland provides support services to gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning youth, ages 23 & under. Drop-in counseling on Tues, 3-5 pm. Facilitated peer support group Sun 3-5 pm. Info: (510) 530-8529 or (415) 533-4026.

Dignity/SF sponsored drop-in group for gay, lesbian & bi young Catholics. Discussion of faith, sexuality & identity. Tues 7-9 pm at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. Info: 255-9244.

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Whose "Best Of..." Is It Anyway?

While reading the long-awaited *Bay Guardian* "Best Of..." issue, rolling my eyes over the ridiculous, banal, PC-damaged and stretching-hard-to-be-cool categories, I began to wonder. I assume that these categories are made up by reasonable adults who are trying to guide you, the reader, to a variety of places and things they deem the best out of those you have maybe been wondering about: for instance, Best Phallic Dessert, Best Space for Cool Cultural Events (please!), Best Place to Contemplate Freighters (I've been dying to know that), or Best Place for Depressed Unemployed Twentysomethings. Those are but a few in a variety of silly if not downright patronizing, even offensive, items found in that issue, making me wonder whose Best Of... is this anyway? Is it for twentysomething heterosexual liberals who hang out in coffeehouses hoping to meet and make friends with people of color or gays and lesbians while discussing micro-breweries and metaphysics and jazz? Well, I hate those people so I decided right then and there to do my own Best Of... list. Mine will be a much zippier read with lots of taboo subjects, if you can imagine being more taboo than the lefty, wacky *Bay Guardian*. After all, they do devote an issue a year to nude beaches. So here it is, racier than when "Ask Isadora" gets an S/M question, steamier than that question that makes a young heterosexual liberal couple feel.... Besides, everyone knows the Best Phallic Dessert is penis, so take your frozen bananas and stuff them in your Best Place to Feel Centered in The City.

Don Baird gives you a taste of what he considers the best of SF.
Photo by Marc Geller

Best Place for Depressed Unemployed Twentysomethings: The morgue.

Best Neighborhood for Cruising Guys: The Lower Haight—where straight guys like you to stare at them.

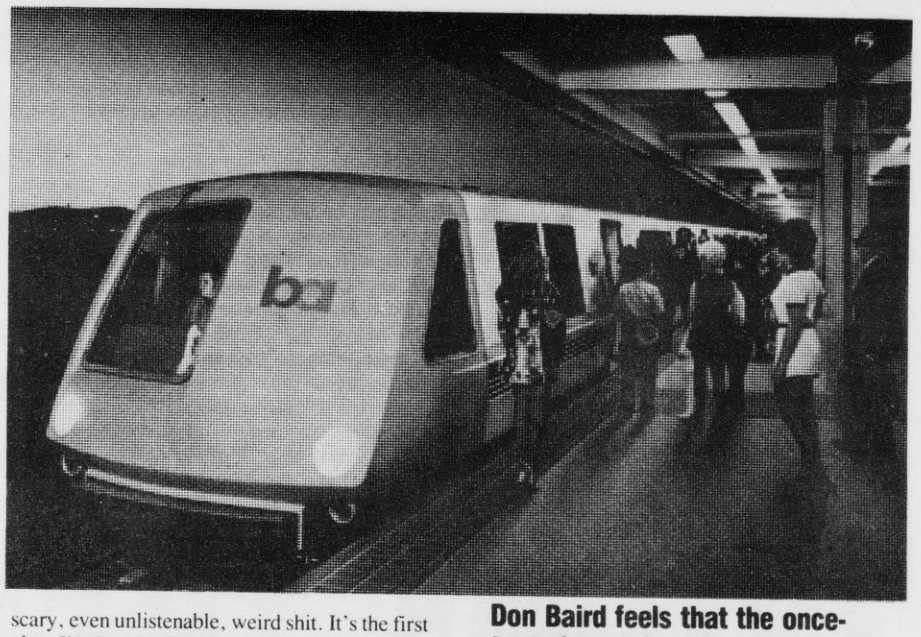
Best Place to Get Free Condoms: The needle exchange in the Lower Haight on every Tuesday. See the friends you haven't seen in ages, some of them in wigs.

Best Place for a Late Night Cup of Coffee: Oddly enough, the coffee at Blow Buddies is by far the best. Every time I take a sip I say, "Mmmm, that's good coffee."

Best Place to Shoplift: Armani Exchange, but carry a little dog and pretend you don't speak English.

Best Window Display: The guy at 19th and Collingwood with the big windows.

Best Straight Bar: Zeitgeist—where the girls are tough, the guys are guys, and the bikes are lined up outside. The music is really great too, rock 'n' roll, Country and Western, obscure soundtracks from movies about drag racing, and other scary, even unlistenable, weird shit. It's the first place I've heard a Ted Nugent song in a long time. No one will give you "fuckin' fag" attitude if you aren't an asshole or something. It also has a patio with a roaring freeway above.



Don Baird feels that the once-touted "most modern transportation system in the world" is a good place to blow your cookies.

Best Gay Bar: The Endup, which I just realized also has a patio with a roaring freeway above it, like Zeitgeist. Face it, the place is an institution, with the life-span of two decades and it's still going strong, draining the life-essence from every member of the 24-hour Party Nation that passes through those double doors. Ten years ago the Endup was a place where bad people went, or that's the feeling I'd get when I'd mention the place and watch snooty gay noses turn up and words like trash, druggies, sleaze, and "those people who stay up all night" bandied about with classist relish and disdain. Now, ten years later, you walk in the door at 6 am on Sunday and everyone you know is there, even a few of the people who warned me of its evils years before. For them I have a favorite greeting: "Gee, you're up early." The staff is supreme and I'd also like to add that the Endup is one of the only bars that consistently attracts a multiracial crowd.

Best Place to Find Stupid White Guys to Kill: Slim's—the place can present the most esoteric of bills, like a night of spoken-word with Susie Bright, Lydia Lunch and Danielle Willis, and they're still in the joint, pawing at single women.

Best Go-Go Dancer: Fatima—the word, the woman, the pagan hoax.

Best Battle-Axe Drag Queen: Miss X.

Best Nouveau Drag Queen: Justin Bond.

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Best Transvestite Bar: The Motherlode is beyond a doubt the greatest bar of this variety because it's blunt as hell. No tourist gawkers here, just the protective staff, the usual bevy of beauties, and all those nervous men buying drinks for them while never speaking to each other. It's a true wonderland.

Best Place to Take Visiting Parents to Dinner: The Ironwood Cafe—it's charming, homey and they'll think it's a classy joint. And I cook there. And it is classy. Good food.

Best Ladies' Room: It comes to me from good authority that the female facilities at the Elbo Room are the best because you can lock the main door and fuck.

Best Men's Room: The Duboce Park men's room late at night is convenient if not locked.

Best Place for Outdoor Sex Urban Style: Under a truck in an alley South of Market.

Best Place for Outdoor Sex Nature Style: Beaches, bushes and windmills—take the train to the ocean.

Best Place for Sex in a Car: Vista Point on Twin Peaks. May I suggest that one of any queer pair could do drag. If the police come shining their lights, it could mean the difference between a stern warning or a night in jail being beaten.

Best Place to Vomit in Public: It was a three-way tie, oddly enough, between BART, your purse or any Right to Life rally.

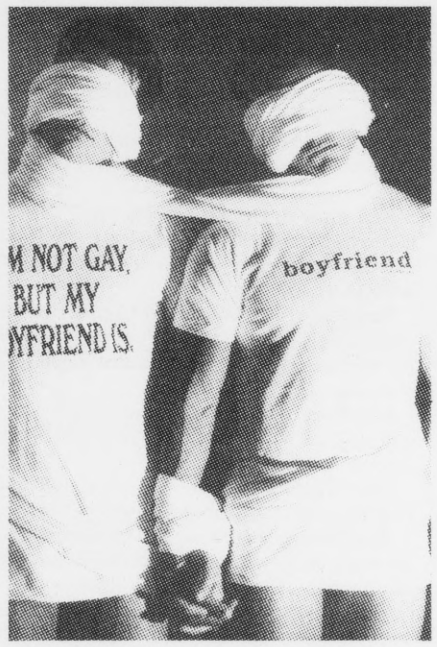
Best Thing to Say While Vomiting in Public: "I'm fat! I'm really, really *fat!*"

Best Sniper Location: The balcony of Cafe San Marcos.

Best Place to Commit Suicide: Well, the Golden Gate Bridge almost got the title this year again, but 850 Bryant (the Hall of Justice) with explosives strapped to your body wins out in a pinch.

Best Queer Slam Pit: That would have to be the little ole dance floor of Fiend in the Lower Haight. My last visit there seemed to be the best final half-hour set of tunes I've ever heard from Michael Blue. It was joyous and the pit was an awesome display of flesh and sweat. This place has made this summer bearable.

Best Place to See Lots of Tits: "Junk" at the Clubhouse every Thursday, where the girls slam shirtless to the clever, red-hot and humble spinning of DJs Zanne and Junkyard.



Best Reminder of One's Hatred of Gay Culture: Every goddamn girl-friendly gay boutique in the Castro that has all those stupid gay T-shirts. You know, shirts that say, "Nobody Knows I'm a Lesbian," "Go Girl," "I'm Not Queer But My Boyfriend Is," "I'm Not Gay—Not!" and other such spastic phrases or big photos of shaved pierced guys having safe sex.

GeeGreg in all his opulent glory. Photo by Marc Geller

Best Place to Score Most Any Drug You Want: Yeah, right.

South of Market in all its seedy glory.

Best Basement to Hide and Dance In: The Pit at 9th and Howard—you gotta love a bar that stays open 24 hours on weekends.

Best Disco Fantasyland Humongous Gay Disco Nightclub: Product—face it, the club works, bestowing awesome visual splendor, entertainment, and a snide little dose of anger, hate and ridicule upon, as I see it, people who deserve it all. They do fun things there.

Best Opulent Superstar: Ggreg Taylor.

Best Girl Band: Malibu Barbi.

Best Boy Band: Bomb, sniff, sniff.

FORTY-DEUCE AT RHINO STUDIO

Perhaps many of you saw the rather imaginatively scathing review of *Forty-Deuce* penned by Steve Warren in a recent issue of the *Sentinel*. I got halfway through this piece and said, "Girlfriend didn't get it at all." I saw the play also and found it to be a remarkable project in many ways, hardly deserving a headline like "Forty-Deuce, Wrong Number." Andrew Vermont, a young director on only his second or third stage project, chose a compelling piece of gay culture circa 1981, just before the arrival of AIDS. *Forty-Deuce*, written by Allan Browne, is about five teenage New York Times Square hustlers in a hotel room rented for them by a maniacal pimp of sorts named Augie. I won't spoil the plot so I won't go on about it.

The casting of this play took a few chances that turned out well. It was great to see Flynn get his hands on a really good male role in a serious drama, and he took it clear to the other end, away from the pancake and falsies of his most recent stage roles in which he played women. There was never a doubt in my mind—Flynn is great in this. Curt Davison delivers a powerful, scary performance as Augie, his rants dripping with urban grime, seedy punk danger, and a certain New York authenticity. As does the performance of James Gomez as Crank, the quiet, able-bodied, not-too-bright Bowery Boy type.

The casting of the inexperienced Eric McNatt as the drag queen Mitchell was a risk in a town full of drag queen hustlers who'd love to do it, but that very risk paid off, creating the finest performance of the night. Mitchell's gravelly effeminate voice with a hard Jewish accent wraps around and delivers some of the play's best lines with sassy, fiery, trashy, flying-yet-reflective attitude, showing Mitchell is indeed the one with real brains out of the four hustlers bumbling around trying to deal with a certain serious situation that arises.

Enough said, just go see this play. I find it incredibly refreshing to witness gay theater in the '90s that isn't about AIDS. The historical importance of this work rang loud and clear and I'm glad we had this one in our archives. It's a play that takes a good hard long ugly look into a world of darkness and futility. And it's funny. ✿

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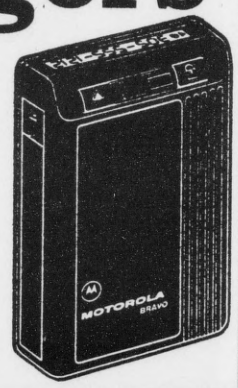

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Spicy SOMA Thai Spot Still Shines

It's unfortunately rare that critics revisit restaurants after a review; even the ones we really like too often take second place to the newest spot or to a friend's hot tip of a place I simply "must try."

That's why I was so thrilled to return to Manora's—a SOMA Thai restaurant I used to frequent several years ago. I remembered delicately spiced, generously portioned dishes, in particular the finest chicken, coconut and lemongrass soup anywhere. My memories served me pretty well; I was again delighted with the soup and several other dishes, while others were sheer disappointments.

Owned and operated by Manora Srisopa and her family, Manora's on Folsom has been open nearly six years (another Manora's in the Mission District, run by the same family, has been open longer) and draws a steady, and apparently largely Thai, clientele. Its one large dining room faces Folsom and 12th streets, with a gilded framework separating the dining area from the foyer and bar. Tables crowded together peer up at romantic paintings of idyllic Thai women and landscapes.

Perusing the menu we chose a variety of appetizers and entrees, which were quick to arrive, leaving us with too little time between dishes to regain an ample appetite. In a seemingly small amount of time our poor table was loaded with empty plates and bowls and spoons, and we were left exhausted, wondering where all the food had gone. I would suggest, given the kitchen's remarkable speed and the server's reluctance to slow things down, that you order one course at a time, unless you have a ballet or opera curtain to make.

Plah-Goong ($5.25) consists of warm prawns marinated in a spicy sauce of lemongrass, mint leaves, lemon juice and chile oil, garnished with sliced red onion and a radish flower—a savory, pungent beginning, with just the right balance of hot and sour. **Katong Tong** ($3.95) are little fried pastry shells filled with a chilled mixture of shrimp, chicken and vegetables in sweet curry, with a dish of syrupy cucumber salad, not the most interesting of appetizers, but worth a try. I was anxious to taste that soup I had longed for, the **Gai-Tom-Ka** ($4.95), or lemony soup with coconut milk, cilantro, chile flakes and four enormous prawns we weren't quite sure how to attack. I don't remember it being so luxuriously rich with coconut milk, an ingredient which many Thai restaurants use sparingly in their versions of this staple.

Our **Thai Iced Tea** and **Thai Iced Coffee** ($1.15) had long since disappeared, but I recommend either, both sweetened, perfumy, and irresistible. Or, if beer sounds better, do try the **Singha** ($1.95), a refreshing match for the highly spiced flavors of Thai food. The timid nuances of wines tend to get lost in the shuffle for flavor.

A traditional dish, the **Som-Tum** ($3.95) salad of shredded green papaya with dried shrimp, cherry tomatoes and peanuts in a sweet and sour sauce, was heavy on the garlic, with a wonderful texture reminiscent of cucumber, but with more resistance to the bite. One of the "Chef's Favorite Dishes," the **Makeur-PaadPrik** ($6.50), brought a platter of Japanese eggplant sauteed with chicken, prawns and pork in a Chinese-style *hoisin*-flavored sauce, somewhat like barbeque with basil, an unusual dish I'd probably not order again. But what a find was the **Pla-RadPrik** ($8.95), a whole deep-fried fish (in this case, pompano) slathered in a coarse sauce of chiles and garlic, fiery hot and mouth-melting.

If it's curries you're after, do try either the **Gang-GaiGai**, yellow chicken curry, or the

Owner Manora Srisopa. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Gang-Kiew-Wan (each $5.25), beef, chicken or pork with vegetables in a coconut milk and green curry sauce, surprisingly light but burning hot with green chiles and spices. I was tempted to order my usual **Pad Thai** ($5.50), the standard dish of rice noodles pan-fried with shrimp, tofu, egg and bean sprouts in a red chile dressing, but I instead feasted on the **Mee Grobb** ($5.25) which is basically the same dish except the noodles are deep-fried first, for a crunchy treat with a sweet, mild flavor.

Manora's serves **Mitchell's Ice Cream**, which I've raved about in this column before, so if you can handle any additional coconut flavor at this point in the meal, go for it. I opted instead for the **Siam Gems** ($1.95), a parfait glass filled with crushed ice, coconut milk, papaya and jackfruit, topped off by some very unusual "ruby-like Thai tapioca stuffed with water chestnuts," a chewy, bright red sort of gummy bear with a crunch in the center. I'll stick to Mitchell's next time.

Service, while quite friendly and attentive, can be rushed. I like the special attention to beautiful fresh flowers on each table, and an effort to keep

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the place lovingly tidy. Manora's still comes through on traditional Thai dishes, although they tend to flounder a bit on the more innovative preparations. There's simply better Thai food in abundance these days.

AROUND TOWN...

I had been looking forward to eating at **Oppenheimer** (2050 Divisadero St) for years. The restaurant bills itself as—and among many has the reputation of being—the finest gay restaurant in town. Now that I've gone I don't understand the fuss. Ambiance and service are fine, first-rate, even, but the food lacks finesse. An overly ambitious menu, with items such as **Wild Mushroom Ravioli in Lemon Vodka Sauce**, is the culprit. Dishes don't deliver great taste or particularly well-executed fare, and, considering the prices, perhaps a refocusing or a simplification of preparation is in order.

What a lovely lunch I enjoyed recently at **O Chame** (1830 4th St., Berkeley), a cute concrete and wood Japanese cafe along Berkeley's posh 4th Street. "Bento" box lunches come in nifty, *tres* p.c. cardboard containers with sushi rice, vegetables, steamed fish and pickled ginger—a most satisfying, healthful meal at $5.75. ✿

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The Prince and The Pauper

The musicalized version of Mark Twain's *The Prince and the Pauper*, now in its Peninsula Civic Light Opera pre-Broadway premiere, reveals many of the problems and much of the potential of any out-of-town tryout. Neither better nor worse than any number of Broadway-bound hopefuls I've seen in Boston or New Haven, this $400,000 PCLO production has spared little expense in costumes, revolving stage set changes, musical arrangements and orchestrations. A simplified script, fewer scenes, a couple of new songs and less ornate orchestrations to let the voices shine through might well surmount some of those problems.

Lindsay W. Davis' costumes ($43,500), from street rags to court-portrait gowns, are gorgeous, and Loren Sherman's 40 scene changes ($106,000) fairly boggle the eye, but what is happening on stage seems oddly disconnected and fails to establish a point of view that can make us care about the principal characters' predicaments.

Co-produced by Simone Genatt, a 1988 Stanford graduate who is also the co-producer of the new pre-Broadway musical *Josephine* at Theatreworks, this is the first staging of an original work in PCLO's ten-year history. In its present format, this "family musical" is too long and a bit too convoluted to sustain the interest of TV-reared youngsters. Richard Holland's book, attempting to draw some contemporary parallels between today's social/political system and that of Henry VIII's court, needs clarification and a sparer through line.

A children's classic that is perhaps best remembered by adults as a 1937 vehicle for Errol Flynn's dazzling swordplay, *The Prince and the Pauper* follows the misadventures of young Edward, Prince of Wales, and gutter urchin Tom Canty, who meet accidentally, exchange clothes on a lark, and are thrust into mistaken identity roles for which neither is prepared.

The look-alike 13-year-old actors are Scott Michael Whinfrey as Tom and Ben Pither as the prince, and they are as attractive and as winning as two teenagers can be—though often sabotaged by shrill overmiking. George Maguire's Henry VIII expires just in time to peel off his royal togs and reappear as Tom's brutal father, John Canty. When the eventually restored prince threatens to send Tom's father to the Tower, Tom intercedes with "Can't you just send him to France?" Maguire, a major asset to the production, threatens on several occasions to usurp the main plot into his subplot machinations.

Marla Craig, Tom's mother, sings one of the show's sweeter melodies, "Mother Is Here," and is most impressive in her brief scenes. Behrend J. Eilers underplayed Lord Hertford, a villainous role that called for a snivelling Basil Rathbone type.

As coincidental as the boys' original meeting, the sudden appearance of handsome swordsman Miles Hendon (Clark Sterling, whose voice indeed is) rescues the real prince from a beating. Miles and the prince (whose overbearing attitude might well be written to more comic advantage) set out for Miles' country estate and lady love, Edith (Susan Powers), both of which have been

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usurped by his evil brother.

The show's one poignant love song, "A Kiss Away," is beautifully sung by Sterling and Powers. Unfortunately, writer Holland has failed to prepare us for Edith's cold renunciation of Miles and, when she pretends not to recognize him (he's only been away two years), it's a major plot flaw.

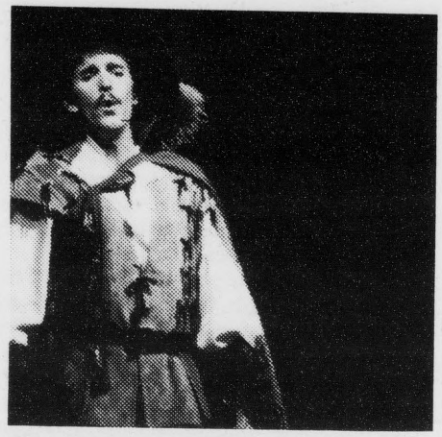
Meantime, Tom is busily protesting his assumed identity at court and managing to enjoy its benefits at the same time, gaily waving to the commoners from the royal barge. (In order to insure our sympathy for the pauper's predicament, writer Holland should have included a scene in which Tom is threatened if he doesn't go along with the sham.)

The staging of "Your Highness Is Always Correct," a satirical song in which Tom's nonexistent table manners are excused with an air of *noblesse oblige*, trades obvious slapstick for genuine wit. On the other hand, the comedy number "For His Own Good," needed less-stodgy staging.

I particularly liked the trio "How Did I Get Here?" and "Home," Miles' big number that's an ovation-winner. The finale message, "All of Us Are the Same," sung by the entire company of 30-odd performers, might seem less pompous if sung only by the prince and the pauper.

Berle Davis' dance numbers had a nice country flair, foreshadowing our own square dances that worked their way westward with the English settlers. (I doubt though that English country women would have dared such high kicks.)

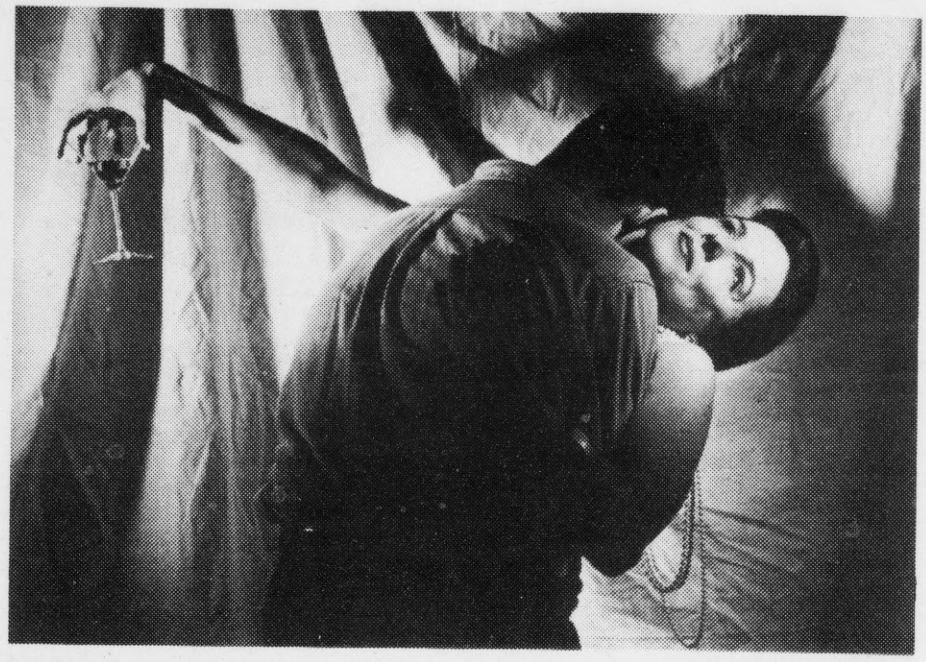
The music and lyrics are by Marc Elliot and Judd Woldin and while the 27 songs are serviceable, they fail to establish a signature of their own, tending to remind us of songs from other musicals. A second look at some of those less-than-clever lyrics might be in order, as would a new sure-fire love ballad and a second-act song for the two boys that cements their friendship.



Clark Sterling as swordsman Miles Hendon in the Peninsula Civic Light Opera's pre-Broadway premiere of "the Prince and the Pauper."

Scott Cady (occasional jazz reviewer for the *SF Bay Times*) wrote the incidental music and is credited with additional musical arrangements. Gregory Van Sudmeir directed the 36-piece pit band that, by its very size, tended to overpower the over-miked singers.

The Prince and the Pauper continues through Sunday, Aug. 15, at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center. Bon Voyage. Call 579-5568. ✿



Nancy Lee Russell plays Claire and John Reynolds plays Tony in this black comedy by Nicky Silver. Photo by David Allen

Free Will & Wanton Lust

Nicky Silver, who wrote and directed *Free Will & Wanton Lust*, is a clever young man, too clever perhaps for the good of his own play. Silver, represented a season ago by the Magic's production of *Fat Men in Skirts*, a comedic shocker on incest and cannibalism, now concerns himself with the bloodless but devastating dissection of yet another dysfunctional family.

Less a plotted drama than a brilliant but overlong series of confessional monologues, this bitter comedy provides Nancy Lee Russell with a mesmerizing tour de force as Claire, a rich society matron who seemingly finds perpetual youth in bedding a string of younger men.

In a clinging white satin penoir, Russell is flagrantly desirable, wildly funny, and deeply disturbing—a latter day Noel Coward sophisticate wallowing in her self-induced angst. Even during sex, she reflects, she has always been alone.

The mother of two all-but-abandoned children, Claire has trouble remembering her 15-year-old daughter's name. "I'm better with faces," she confesses while distractedly searching the alphabet for a clue to her offspring's name.

Understandably paranoid and desperate to get her mother's attention, daughter Amy (Delia McDougal in ballet tutu and toe shoes) announces that she is pregnant and is going upstairs to commit suicide. But Claire's arm is being nibbled by current stud Tony (John Reynolds) and the threat falls on preoccupied ears.

Enter long-absent son Phillip (Andrew Hurleau). Looking slightly embalmed, and trying to control a flailing arm, he stammers out an introduction of his fiancee Vivian (Jamie Jones). Costumed and coiffed in a cliche version of the prim secretary, Vivian is immediately patronized by Claire, who touches the girl's hair and asks with genuine concern, "Does it hurt?"

A vengeful Amy waits until her mother and brother are out of the room and initiates a seduction of Vivian by Tony.

Act Two, which takes place "15 minutes before the end of Act One", according to the program, is divided into an extended monologue by Claire, which careens through a number of sexual exploits as well as her morbid fascination with people who spit on sidewalks, and an overlong confession by Phillip regarding his obsession with and rejection by a waiter in a London restaurant. While both monologues might be more effective if halved, in the end they are little more than empty outpourings of self-indulgent selfishness. Still there's an abundance of brilliantly bitchy laugh lines and Russell and Hurleau deservedly earn standing ovations.

The candy-box Manhattan duplex set is by James Kronzer and the costumes are by Fumiko Bielefeldt. Lighting by Randy Harmon; sound by J.A. Deane.

The Cable Car Theatre, by the way, has been renovated and the previously fine sight lines have been eliminated in the process. I was compelled to dodge ten rows of bobbing heads to see what was happening on the stage.

Free Will & Wanton Lust continues its open-ended run at the Cable Car. Call 982-7469.

Tommy Tune Tonight!

Sorry I can't stand up and cheer for *Tommy Tune Tonight!*, but good conscience forbids. Much as I admire this choreographer/dancer's talent, his song-and-dance show left me with the feeling I'd been patronized by a star coasting on charm. The program itself offered a clue when the synopsis of numbers referred to Tune simply as "the tall performer." Cute, no? No.

Michael Biagi and his big band were ensconced onstage, a further clue the dancing would necessarily be restricted to the narrow space remaining in the front of the stage. So that eliminated any anticipated spectacular, all-out rousing routines we've come to expect from such Tune-choreographed hits as *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas, My One and Only, Grand Hotel* and *The Will Rogers Follies*.

Tune does dance, of course, and beautifully—let's just say he's the best—in solo numbers and in tandem with the remarkably matched tapping of Robert Fowler and Franz Hall. Tune's dancing to "Taking a Chance on Love" is as good as it gets, and his sundry homages to Astaire, Michael Bennet, Bob Fosse and Ray Bolger offered nice moments. He sings, too, crooning the best of Berlin, Porter, Gershwin and half a dozen other composers, including Fred Astaire's charming "I'm Building Up to an Awful Letdown." The single best number in the show was when he put down the hand-held mike and sang "You Can't Take That Away From Me" without amplification and with only piano accompaniment.

But the show as a whole lacked structure. It rambled in a relaxed kind of way, and the star's 6'6" frame notwithstanding, he's as relaxed as they come. At one point he sat on the apron of the stage to field audience questions ("How old are you?" "How tall are you?" "What size shoes do

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you wear?'' ''Who's your favorite dancer?''). He's leaving himself wide open to some impertinent inquiries!

He coaxes a couple of women onstage for a few steps of close dancing. He spells ''Mother'' by contorting his frame into letters of the alphabet. He coaxes the audience into a sing-along chorus of ''Once in Love With Amy.'' He takes a few somber minutes to recite a ''My Buddy'' list of deceased friends, some of whom we recognize, some we don't. He does a ''Shanghai Lil'' tribute to Hollywood musicals (fine lighting effects) that unfortunately reminds us of the recently departed *Song of Singapore*.

On the plus side, Tune recounts his days as a Broadway gypsy auditioning at the famous Variety Arts Studio off Times Square and, going further back in time, recalls the dance classes he took in Texas. And when Tune and the delightful Fowler and Hall were tapping their feet off, I couldn't have been happier.

But it just goes to show that even top talent can look a little threadbare without a script or an idea to build on. The most innovative aspect of the entire production may well have been the superb lighting design of Jules Fisher and Peggy Eisenhauer. Tune's white tie and tails and Fowler and Hall's black tuxedos were credited to costume designer Willa Kim. Jeff Calhoun was credited with direction. Nobody was credited with book or concept.

Tommy Tune Tonight! continues at the Curran Theatre through Aug. 15. Call (415) 776-1999 or (510) 762-BASS.

Forty-Deuce

Alan Bowne's first major play, *Forty-Deuce* (hustler and druggie slang for 42nd Street), as evidenced by its current production at the Rhino Studio, is incomprehensible for the most part and unplayable. Inexplicably it won the Obie Award for Best Play of 1981. The playwright's brilliant *Sharon and Billy* was a runaway hit at the Magic Theatre, and more recently his local productions of *Beirut* and *Snake in the Vein* have received critical acclaim.

Directed by Andrew Vermont, the cast features Flynn (ingenue Anne Welles in the recent *Dolls*) as Ricky, the volatile, spaced-out brains of a hustler quartet run by pimp Augie (Kurt Davison). Also hanging out in the tacky hotel room off Times Square are Eric McNatt as Mitchell, the Jewish transvestite, James Gomez as the not-too-bright Crank, and David Banton as Blow, a freelancer who sells drugs and sex and prides himself on his ''I come, I go'' independence. The fifth occupant of the room is the inert body of an upstate virgin teenager, referred to as ''the fetus,'' who has succumbed to a lethal fix during the night.

Without Augie's knowledge, Ricky has masterminded a drug deal and needs quick cash to buy the stuff. His plan is to lure a rich regular client, Mr. Roper (David Lamble of ''Fruit Punch''), into the dimly lighted room, get him high, toss him and his sex toys onto the bed with the corpse, accuse him of killing the kid, and blackmail him for the cash to buy the drugs. (Can you believe these streetwise hustlers have never heard of rigor mortis?)

That's the plot. Unfortunately, the play is written in a street patois perhaps only understood by pushers, users, pimps and hustlers of the early '80s. In the first 20 minutes I kept asking myself, What did they say? What does it mean? (Writer Bowne had complained that New York's gay critics disliked the play intensely on the grounds that it was politically incorrect. I say, give those critics credit for recognizing a bad play when they see one.)

The rich john, Mr. Roper, arrives in Act Two and is immediately induced to suck on some pot that has been dusted with PCP. He keeps wondering why it's so dark in the room and why the young virgin's skin is so white, and then meanders off into a much too long monologue having to do with his own importance and the management of his company—and too little to do with furthering the plot.

Directed without much sense of pacing, the actors did little to distinguish themselves, with the exception of Flynn, who often caught the frenetic rhythm but had nowhere to take it. The young virgin, who won't be using that Greyhound round-trip ticket, blessedly had nothing to say.

Forty-Deuce continues at the Theatre Rhino Studio through Aug. 21. Call 861-5079. ✿

Oh, Lady! Lady!

by Charles Whaley

Another fetching excavation of Broadway's dear, departed past, vintage 1918, was lovingly displayed in the concert version of *Oh, Lady! Lady!*, the final offering in the series of three ''lost musicals'' produced by Greg MacKellan and Stephanie Rhoads at the New Conservatory Theatre.

This Jerome Kern/P.G. Wodehouse/Guy Bolton romp won raves in its day but its delightful score is now virtually unknown. The plot is typical of its time: Snippy socialite mother disapproves of sweet naive daughter's plans to wed bland young man; his valet is a reformed jewel thief whose girlfriend still likes to steal; wedding jewels turn up missing; bumbling friends stir up confusion and misunderstanding; lovers split and reunite, and all ends well.

The score in this version, smartly directed by Mark D. Kaufmann, was not an exact recreation of the original, however. At least two songs that were lauded in the 1918 production, ''When the Ships Come Home'' and ''Moon Song,'' have been eliminated. Four songs from other Kern shows have been added: ''And I Am All Alone'' from *Have a Heart*, ''Saturday Night'' (also known as ''A Very Good Girl on Sunday'') from *Miss Springtime*, ''Non-Stop Dancing'' from *The Beauty Prize*, and ''Semiramis'' from *She's a Good Fellow*. All of them fit well into the plot.

''And I Am All Alone'' is a unique and gorgeous song, gloriously sung by Anna Marie Gutierrez. It went by so fast that a reprise would have been welcome. Alec Wilder in his *American Popular Song* singled out this tune (Kern and Wodehouse were co-lyricists) for its ''serious inventiveness'' and said he never understood why it failed to become a standard.

Oh, Lady! Lady!—besides being remembered as the last of the famous Princess Theatre musicals that included *Very Good Eddie*, *Oh, Boy!*, *Have a Heart* and *Leave It to Jane*—is known for a song that was dropped from the score but resurrected with stunning success in *Showboat* when Helen Morgan sang torchily of her love for ''Bill.'' A substantial, readily recognizable piece of ''Bill,'' however, remains in the first act finale.

Lori Leigh Gieleghem was the crisp flapperish narrator and Lauren Mayer was the accomplished musical director for this version with its lively ingratiating cast featuring Gutierrez as the daughter, John Powell as her intended, Judy Rae Whiting as the mother (the best lines and the most outrageous number, ''Semiramis,'' belong to her), Greg MacKellan as the valet, Nancy Palmer Jones as his light-fingered sweetheart, Steven F. Sutherland as Powell's airhead friend, Curran Raelene Reichert as his inamorata, Sean Sharp as an inept detective, Amy Dondy as a maid, and David Pichette as an elevator operator.

Of the original songs, the standouts were ''Greenwich Village,'' sung by MacKellan, Jones and Powell; ''Not Yet'' and ''Do Look at Him Now'' by Gutierrez and Powell, with bridesmaids singing along; ''You Found Me and I Found You'' and ''Wheatless Days,'' by Sutherland and Reichert, and the title song by Powell and the company.

Choreographer Stephen Zee contributed some fancy, witty steps for MacKellan and Jones for their ''Non-Stop Dancing'' turn, for the ''Waiting 'Round the Corner'' number of the boys billed as ''The Collegiate Bearcats,'' and for Whiting in her hilarious ''Semiramis'' bit.

42nd Street Moon Productions promises to return with more ''lost musical'' concerts later this year.

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The Return of Twyla's Boy

by Charles Whaley

Growing up gay in Kentucky, and escaping to California to breathe free and write about it, has become almost a literary genre in San Francisco this year via the work of such talented playwrights and novelists as Charles E. Polly (*Twyla's Boy*), Terry Garner (*Livin' on Salvation Street*), James Carroll Pickett (*Dream Man*) and Fenton Johnson (*Scissors, Paper, Rock*).

Now, after a successful March run at The Marsh, Polly's two-character memory play, in which he plays Ervin (his real middle name), the dreaming, loving son of the strong-minded Twyla (Suzan Kendall) in impoverished Appalachia, is returning for an Aug. 26-Sept. 19 run at the Artfull Circle Theatre.

This touching, poetic play, full of humor and heartbreak, began life as a novel-to-be about two years ago when Polly was part of a writers' group, now disbanded, that was seeking to develop monologues about gay men's relationships with straight men, and vice versa, "but we couldn't get enough straight men to write for us."

Polly's sketch about having sex with older "straight" men in his younger days back in Kentucky was the beginning of *Twyla's Boy*, both as novel and play.

The Twyla saga is still developing. *Twyla's Boy* is the first part of what will be called "The Twyla Trilogy." On the first two Mondays of this month, Chuck Polly tried out some of the second part, *Twyla's Story*, at The Marsh. It deals with four generations of women in Twyla's family and features four women, plus Ervin.

The third segment will be about the men in Twyla's life (father, brothers, sons, husbands). All three parts will be expanded into the eventual novel.

Suzan Kendall as Twyla and Charles E. Polly as her boy in Polly's two-character memory play at The Marsh. Photo by Shane Mackay

Both Polly and Kendall—whose appearance and seemingly effortless ability to inhabit her role led one reviewer to call her "a zaftig Meryl Streep"— were founding members of Eastenders Repertory, which is presenting *Twyla's Boy*. Sarah Corr and David Woods are co-directors.

Polly calls *Twyla's Boy* a truthful rather than autobiographical play. "The things that happen in it happened, but not all to me," he says. "My sexual experiences, the floods, the intruder episode are the most truthful. All writers embellish. If you put life onstage as it is, it's probably going to be pretty boring because life is not structured like theater."

Last December Polly took Kendall to Kentucky (she is from Salt Lake City) to meet his family—who know he is gay but refuse to talk about it or let it be known to others—and see how people live in Three-Mile Holler, close to Pike County's one-street town of Dorton.

"I can't stay more than two or three days when I'm back there. I feel threatened," Polly says. "Women there are treated as second-class citizens. Men will say things like, 'Honey, get me some coffee,' when the coffeepot is right next to them. And everybody has guns. I can't be who I am safely. My mother tries to understand but her problem is religion. She tells me that I'm going to burn in hell because I'm gay. I have a niece who is OK about my sexuality, but my family hasn't read the play or the reviews. They don't want to know anything about it."

As in the play, Polly's mother once came to San Francisco to visit him on his birthday. In *Twyla's Boy* she meets the lover with whom Ervin/Polly lived (an officer in the U.S. Public Health Service who died of AIDS in 1986 on Gay Freedom Day), and tries unsuccessfully to dislike him, because "he took my baby and taught him it's okay for them to be what they are. I hated him for that." His mother's visit, Polly says, made her uncomfortable: "She couldn't handle the City's diversity" or "same-sex hand-holding on the street." She calls San Francisco "the City of Sin."

Polly moved to San Francisco from Columbus, Ohio, in 1981. He had been an actor, making his living mainly through productions funded by the Ohio Arts Council.

Earlier he escaped the stultifying life of the hills and hollers by getting to Alice Lloyd College at Pippa Passes in adjacent Knott County on a work-study program and a scholarship plus student loans.

There he was drawn to theater when he was chosen to be in a Tennessee Williams play, *The Case of the Crushed Petunias*, when no one else showed up at the audition.

A high school guidance counselor helped him get to Alice Lloyd over the objections of his family, which had him lined up for a furniture factory job in Michigan, where an older brother was a foreman. He graduated with two degrees, one in theater and one in sociology.

In San Francisco, the 38-year-old Polly recently directed several plays in The Marsh's repertory production of New York playwright Larry Myers' *Keith Haring's My Idol*. He also played Uncle Freddie in *Bent* at Theatre Rhinoceros. Earlier he directed three productions for Broads Off Broadway: *Pressed: A Celebration of Women*, *Chamber Music* and *Calm Down, Mother*.

Polly was deeply touched by a message he received from a friend who saw *Twyla's Boy* at The Marsh shortly before he died of AIDS. The play, his friend said, helped him let go. This theme of "letting go of things that hurt you" is paramount throughout the play, and Polly says, "When it has such a profound effect on even one person, the play has been successful for me."

Twyla's Boy plays at 8 pm, Thursday-Sunday through Sept. 26 (no performance Aug. 29) at Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St. Call (510) 841-6510. ✿

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BY GENE PRICE

String of Pearls

Overtone Theatre, now in its tenth year, is dedicated to experimentation in new theater and opera music. With some dozen productions to its credit, the multi-talented ensemble is now back on the scene with *String of Pearls*, four mini-operas on mythological themes.

First on the evening's bill of fare was *Goddess of the Hunt*, with music by J. Raoul Brody (who presided at the piano throughout the evening), libretto by Merle Kessler and direction by Henry Steele. Goddess Diana (Laurie Amat) is trapped in a 20-year marriage with beer-drinking Bud (Brian Lohmann), who wears a crown of Budweiser cans. At the call of the full moon Diana is out for the night. Bud then turns to the charms of seductress Death (Sarah Ludlow). At dawn Diana returns and curses the lovers with "falling for things you cannot have." She turns the house into a cheap bar and herself into Dino, the waiter, serving Bud and Death. Strange are the whims of the gods. Lohmann lent a delightful sense of whimsy to his lyrics.

In the less successful *Modesto*, four singers in white (Amat, Lohmann, Barbara Scott and Mark Christiansen) wander in a white desert and sing that they have "no thirst" and "no shame." Weaving rythmically like zombies, they repeat and repeat their meaningless lyrics as the orchestra shifts through several musical styles reminiscent of French street songs and Arabic calls to prayer. Beth Custer's music featured Brody on accordion. John Pappas contributed the hypnotically senseless lyrics. Mary Forcade directed.

Herakles and the Hydra, directed by Maryedith Burrell, with music by O-Lan Jones and libretto by Tim Schmolder, featured Guiseppe Jones as the hero come to slay the Hydra. The many-headed monster was represented in this case by four singers: "Head Hydra" Amat accompanied by Ludlow, Scott and Mantra Ben-Ya'akova. After considerable Hydra moaning offstage, Herakles appears clad in a warrior's tunic and a shoulder scarf of stone martens. He challenges them, they challenge him, and the Head Hydra sings, amid thunderclaps from Zeus, that "never to die is a fate worse than death." I'm not sure what the outcome was, but it looked like a draw to me. Repetitive and overlong, the piece aimed to expand on the legendary duel, but didn't succeed at improving on it, having little to offer its sophisticated audience.

Best of the lot was saved for last: *Happy Hour Becomes Electra*, with music by Richard Marriott, libretto by Kathleen Cramer, who also directed. This contemporary version of a classic tragedy featured O-Lan Jones as a manic Electra who invades a bar in search of the mother she hates. She wants her mother killed for any number of good reasons, such as: her mother won't let her wear red, she remanded Orestes to juvenile correction, she's destroying the planet and she's torn a hole in the sky.

Mother Clytemnestra (Barbara Scott) returns from the restroom, picks up her cocktail and sighs, "Teens! All that money for music lessons and this is what she does."

A couple of business suits enter (Laurie Amat and Mark Christiansen) and join Clytemnestra in singing "Lighten Up." Orestes (Brian Lohmann) enters and joins Electra in singing "I'd Like to Kill Her," with the afterthought that then he could use the car as much as he pleased.

But money talks. Clytemnestra buys him off with some greenbacks and Orestes immediately orders drinks for the house. Everybody dances and sings, "Let's all drink... in moderation," except, of course, Electra, who goes stark raving

mad, and pianist J. Raoul Brody, who slides off his bench and collapses on the floor. A most enjoyable excursion into Greek mythology with some delightfully witty and deliberately mundane lyrics by Cramer.

The Overtone Orchestra, directed by Deirdre McClure, also featured Melissa Burton, Peter Josheff, Susan Jette, Nik Phelps and Max Perkoff.

String of Pearls plays at The Marsh through Aug. 15. Call 641-0235.

Morris Bobrow introduces you to exotic pastas and various food foibles in his comedic revue "With Relish."

With Relish

In the mid-'80s resident wit and musical commentator on the contemporary scene Morris Bobrow wrote and produced a revue that was all about food and the people who eat it. It ran for several months and introduced, among a number of well-remembered ditties, a torch song (sung then as now by Darlene Popovic) about a "chocoholic" woman who eats cocoa out of the can and ends up in the gutter in Hershey, Pa.

Good old revues don't die, they just get reprised. And this one was, in 1988, at the Plush Room. *With Relish* has played across the country, down the Coast, and up into Canada. Not one to take success lying down, Bobrow has added some numbers, redirected it, brought in Rene Pulliam to choreograph it, Karen Knoll to design it, and—*voila!*— the revue is titillating new audiences at Joe LoCoco's Coconut Room in Marin.

Two of the original stars, Popovic and Sara Hauter, are now joined by singers Stephen O'Hara and Tony Michaels to create a fine ensemble of zany duets, trios and quartets.

If you've ever wondered why we say tuna *fish* and not steak *meat*, chicken *bird*, or apple *fruit*, don't ask Bobrow. He doesn't know. He only knows that if you're ordering cat*fish*, don't forget to say *fish*.

Who'd have thought someone would write a whole number that lists the dozens of exotic names for pastas? Or invent a restaurant critic who can't resist reviewing the quality of the wafers and the vintage of the wine at a communion service? In "Taking the Waters," a chi-chi couple sing of the glories of bottled waters in a wicked satire on pretentious wine tasters. "Organ-ick" may well bring to mind your own first encounter with tongue, brains, sweetbreads and sundry pancreatic glands.

A grocery shopper goes quietly berserk while comparing the encyclopedic information on cereal boxes; a couple dissolves into an orgy as a TV chef breathlessly recites the recipe for chocolate cake; a nonsmoker is accosted in a smoking section and forced to "light up"; a woman who keeps kosher for her orthodox husband is tormented by memories of forbidden foodstuffs. In a new number, "Table for One," we eavesdrop on the darkly poignant situation of two women dining alone in a restaurant, one desperately lonely, the other relieved not to have to share her privacy.

The new *With Relish* is fast, furious and funnier than ever. Less topical than most (which may account for its wearability), it's a perfect revue. Playing Fridays through Sundays through Sept. 25 at Joe LoCoco's, Greenbrae. Call 925-0808.

books

Days of Grace: A Memoir

by Arthur Ashe and Arnold Rampersad
Alfred A. Knopf, 1993. Hardcover $24.

Reviewed by Ming-Yeung Lu

This review, which I began writing on Gay Pride Day, was in part triggered by the heated debate over the use of the word "queer." Frankly, that debate is a waste of time. What's the point of preserving our victim status—whether outraged or outrageous—by proving ourselves brain-dead? I'd like to think that beneath the inane word fight there is an inspiration to perform our best in the world—to me the real source of pride. After all, having no shame doesn't mean we should lose our face.

Which brings us to Arthur Ashe. The reason to read this memoir of a straight Black man—yes, a celebrity no less—goes beyond the fact that it's another account by a "victim" of AIDS. *Days of Grace* is Ashe's meditation on what to do with "victimhood" itself—whether it allows you to waive responsibility when the banner of anger is waved.

Ashe confounded our crass devotion to the canonized deities of this Age of Rage. He conformed neither to the image of the white spoiled brats of McEnroe's crop, who deliver tantrums as signs of authenticity, nor that of the neo-X rappers, to whom anger can justify all kinds of mindless and destructive, but most often self-destructive, behavior. While Ashe's attitudes may be met with derision—"Mr. Nice," "Uncle Tom," or "How can someone like him have reasons to be angry?" —there is a definite daring in his refusal to succumb to ransacking rage or debilitating despair.

Here is someone making a case for social justice without the all-too-common sense of "entitlement." To feel entitled, as Shelby Steele suggests in his controversial *The Content of Our Character*, presumes an innocence on the part of the oppressed, sitting in judgment of their guilty oppressors. Collective innocence bestows upon the oppressed a moral superiority as a group, while robbing the individual of any real sense of responsibility.

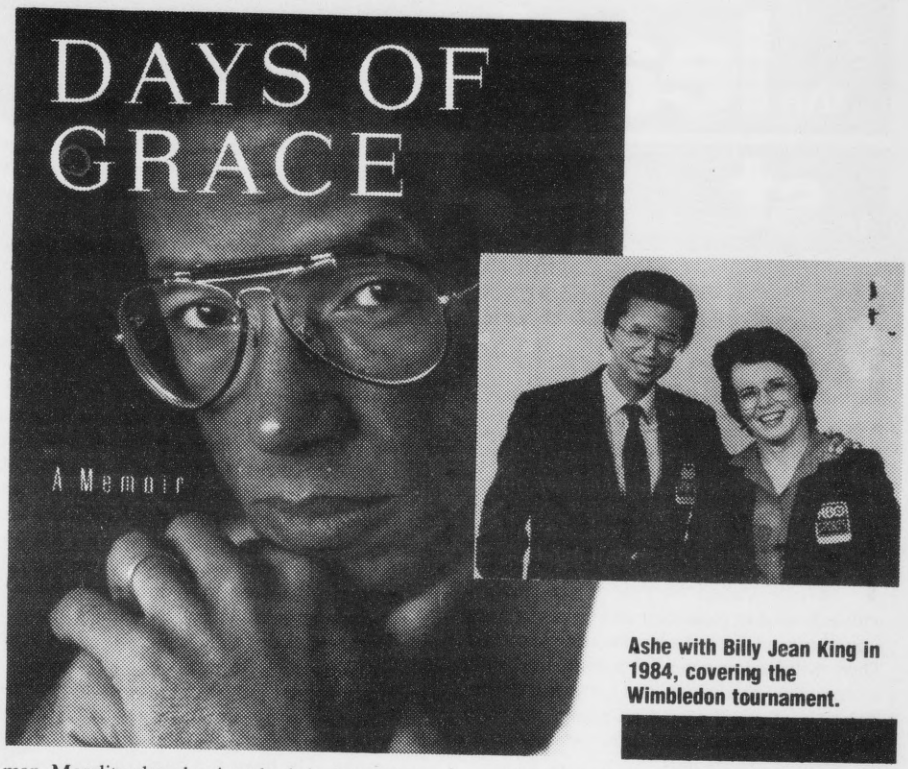
Ashe returned the ball of decision-making to the individual. Be faithful yet rational, he counseled. You can still be responsible for your life in the face of racism and AIDS.

In a *New York Times* article, Christopher Lehmann-Haupt takes issue with Ashe's "implication that there are those who *are* guilty of something in contracting AIDS" (since Ashe said that he himself felt very little guilt or shame about getting the disease, in his case through a blood transfusion). I don't think that is what Ashe was implying at all.

Not being guilty doesn't mean that one is not responsible. The obsession about guilt and innocence again reduces an otherwise serious discussion about sex and responsibility to right-or-wrong. At least Ashe had the guts to question Magic Johnson's wisdom in having sex with countless women—unprotected—at a time when information about safer sex was readily available, and what that would exemplify to the youths who worship him.

The famous remark Ashe made that being Black, not having AIDS, was the biggest burden in his life, can easily be misread as weighing one oppression against another. Ashe is *not* saying that an African American suffers more (and is thus more "innocent") than a person with AIDS. As a rationalist, he believed that whereas AIDS as a disease is a biological fact over which we have little control, racism is "entirely made by people, and therefore it hurts and inconveniences infinitely more." Indeed, later in the book, he expresses similar sentiments regarding homosexuality and homophobia.

Ashe was undoubtedly a profoundly religious man. Morality played a pivotal role in the way he addressed social problems. He bemoaned, for example, the lapse of morals among fellow African Americans, and he was not hesitant to promote family values. But what saved Ashe from dogmatism, or naivete, was his matter-of-fact sensibility; his morality was always *informed* by practicality. Thus his stance on sex education: "I am for praising the Lord *and* passing the ammunition [to fight against AIDS], which in this case consists of condoms and thorough education about sex."



Ashe with Billy Jean King in 1984, covering the Wimbledon tournament.

In the end, one regrets that Ashe couldn't have stayed around longer to sustain a seasoned and reasoned perspective for discussions too often drowned by righteous rage and moral passions. But I am hopeful that his last words will point a way to approach such topics as racism, AIDS, homosexuality and sex *with intelligence*, and without the clamor of sin or liberation. ✿

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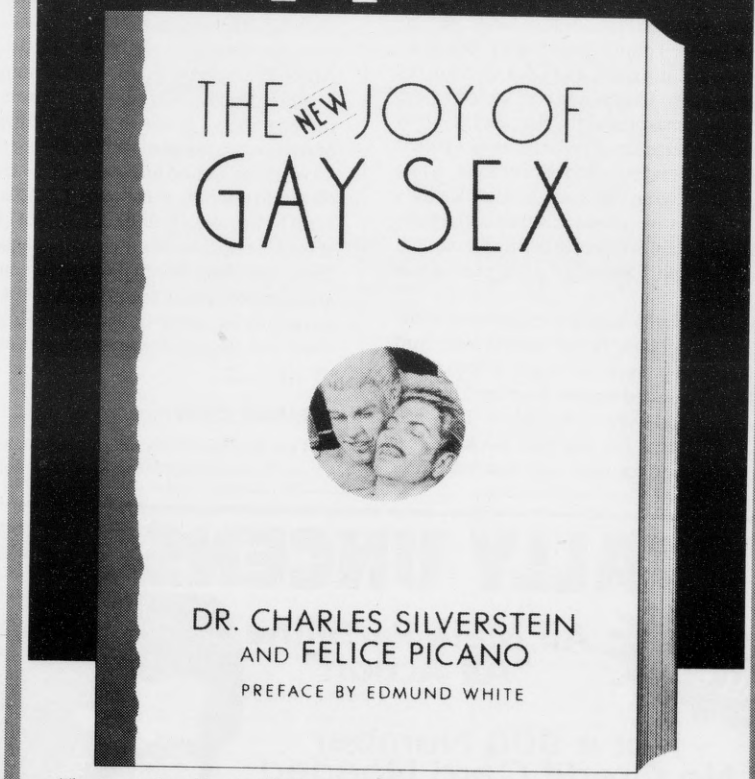

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the leather chronicles

by st. clair adams

Russian River Leather Weekend

Russian River Leather Weekend will take place Aug. 13-15 this year in Guerneville. Called "A Year of New Energy" and dedicated to pansexual and panracial inclusion, the event has had a healthy response so far. There will be dance parties, a crafts fair, a title contest, S/M workshops and a motorcycle run. Rainbeau, Terry Foster, Gail Smith, and members from the Sacramento Leather Association are the featured entertainers.

First a little history on the event: The idea for leather weekend was first conceived in the spring of 1987 by Patrick Toner, Kathy Gage and Audrey Joseph (its original producer). Their idea was to hold a leather event in the slow part of the summer to give the River some business during its off-season. With good intentions, they proceeded to put together the first Leather Weekend. They were met with open arms the first year, but things got a little ugly later, as I will explain. Patrick moved away before the event took place, but Audrey and Kathy continued on with the planning.

The first weekend was a fundraiser for the Sonoma County Humane Society (!). Talk about a conflict of interest, but the society took the money anyway. The weekend featured a Black and Blue Ball, with Lolletta Hollaway performing, plus a show-stopping fantasy featuring Joy Schulenberg (as Queen), Kathy Gage (as an Amazon), Colter Thomas (as a Slave), Sky Renfro (as Sergeant at Arms), and Dick Carlson (as Executioner). The Queen was confronted by the Slave and the Amazon and the Sergeant at Arms ordered their execution. The Executioner pulled out his bullwhip and began to punish them, when he managed to wrap the whip around Kathy's neck. The events were held at Atlantis and pulled in approximately 300 people during the day and 600 people at night. One hell of a first year, if you ask me.

Audrey and Kathy began to experience some frustrating difficulties in the second and third years, when they were no longer living at the River. They requested support from the Chamber of Commerce and were turned down. They had trouble getting vital fire and road blocking permits and were even required to get a permit to use the road for general traffic and the motorcycle run. But as Audrey said, the town was more than happy to accept money from the leather community.

Some of the more memorable moments were in 1990, when Leather Weekend was held at the Hacienda and the Bohemians showed up at the masquerade ball in full costume. That year the motorcycle run encountered Henry Kissinger's motorcade on its way to the Bohemian Grove. Also, Audrey's favorite fantasy—"Fantasy in Oz"—took place that year. It featured Shadow (as the Tin Man), Sky Renfro (as the Wizard), Stephen (as the Scarecrow), Steve Patten (as the Lion), Sonna (as the Wicked Witch), Kevin McCarthy (as Dorothy), Puppy (as Toto), Little Mary Metsa and Terry Golbrace (as the Witch's Soldiers). Some of the things Audrey would like to see continue are the fantasies, workshops and the motorcycle run, plus an outreach to include other fetishes outside of the leather community.

I have become a member of the Gay and Lesbian Business Association/Russian River since then, and have been working with the Chamber of Commerce, which promises to be more cooperative. The town is a little conservative, but I believe if we give them a little respect they will warm up to Leather Weekend. Let's give them another chance! Please join us this year for a weekend of high-energy partying!

SF LEATHER DADDY

The Eagle patio was filled with a big, happy crowd for the SF Leather Daddy contest July 30. Bert Herman, Art Tomaszewski and Philip Turner competed for the title. Don Killam was the auctioneer and was able to get the crowd to open their wallets up. On the panel of judges were Greg Byfield (Mr. SF Leather '93), Emerson Briney (Mr. Int'l Drummer '93), Skeeter (SF Dyke Daddy II), Graylin Thornton (Mr. Northern Calif. Drummer '93) and Robert Whitworth (Australian Drummer Boy). Andy Rose (Mr. SF Eagle Leather '93) was the alternate judge and tally master. Over $5,000 was raised—more than any of the previous contests—and all proceeds go to the AIDS Emergency Fund. Don Thompson (SF Leather Daddy VIII) put together a smooth-running show, as usual. Mike Perera got Mr. Marcus to go on auction, and someone to put a slave collar around his neck on the stage. I have chosen to leave the photo out of this issue, because I feel he has already done enough for charity and should be spared more embarrassment. Dicky Davis and Peter Barclay were very entertaining and kept the crowd's interest. Art Tomaszewski came in as 1st runner-up and Philip Turner walked away with the prestigious job of SF Leather Daddy XI.

PLEASURE CHEST

This provocatively named event was held at Olive Oyl's on Pier 50 on Saturday, July 31. This

Singer Buddy Montgomery exuberantly intones at the Cheeks & Chaps contest at the Eagle. Photo by Rink

event turned out to be one of the biggest cash draw charities ever for Blair (Int'l Ms. Leather '92). Blair, Scooter (Ms. SF Leather '89) and Nina (Ms. SF Leather '88) worked hard at gathering donations for Lyon-Martin Lesbian HIV Services and raised over $1,100. A speech from Dorothy, the first SF openly declared HIV-positive lesbian, brought tears to everyone's eyes. We were all moved by her stories of intolerance toward HIV status and her dedication to making change. My hat is off to you Dorothy! Emcee Donna Shrout (Ms. Northern Calif. Leather '92) did a great job at keeping the crowd entertained in between the fantasies. The crowd went crazy over Rainbeau's hot wax dancing number and were very pleased with BC Cliver's singing talents. Other entertainers were Queen Cougar (Ms. SF Leather '93), Blair and Judith Tury (Ms. SF Cheeks & Chaps '93). There was so much going on, I hope I didn't leave anyone out. The event was dedicated to Jerome Holly, who had spent so much time and energy working with the lesbian community. A special thanks to Rikki Streicher for use of her restaurant.

DORE ALLEY FAIR

This hot summer afternoon brought out a very large crowd to mill through the leather crafts booths and listen to intense rock music. For the first time SMMILE (producers of the fair) offered a dance floor. I was stunned to see so many men wearing nothing but their boots! It was a full moon, so I don't have to tell you how bizarre things got. Everyone had a great time, and it looks like the community is ready for the Folsom Street Fair coming up on Sunday, Sept. 26. See you there!!!

LEATHER BUDDIES

Once again it was a hit! A very good-looking crowd of over 300 leather studs attended and looked for a buddy. The slings were dusted off and many other things were added to make it more to the liking of the men and boys. This special night happens monthly, and I recommend it highly for those adventurous souls.

SF CHEEKS & CHAPS

Saturday, Aug. 7, was the second annual Mr. and Ms. SF Cheeks & Chaps contest at the Eagle hosted by Nova Lei (Mr. Gay SF '90), Ray Tilton (Mr. SF Leather '90), Grant Dupont (Mr. Watering Hole '91), and Donna Sachet (Ms. Gay SF '93). There were 13 men and women competing for the SF title and a chance to compete in the international contest on September 18, also at the Eagle. The competition drew a very large crowd, and as usual, the crowd had a fabulous time. All of the monies raised from this event went directly to the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF, which gave a great performance. Other entertainers included Lisa Gray, Nick Wilson, Buddy Montgomery, Menage and Donna Sachet. Random Chance (aka Alan Smart) and Queen Cougar did a fantastic job of emceeing and kept a fluid momentum. Head judge Alan Selby, Tally Master Bert Herrman, Tally Boy John Garcia, Blair, Phillip Turner, Richard Hunter, Graylin Thornton and Arbiter Donna Shrout scrutinized the contestants, scored and tallied to come up with the winners. Scott Karnuth (Mr. SF and Int'l Cheeks & Chaps '93) and Judith Tury (Ms. SF Cheeks & Chaps '93) deserve warm praise—they did a hot fantasy. Both of them have done a great job in proudly representing their titles. Mark Larsen is the new Mr. SF Cheeks & Chaps '94, with Bart Bartholomew as his 1st runner-up. Kelly Burlingham is the new Ms. SF Cheeks & Chaps '94 with Liz Haas as her 1st runner-up.

COMING UP

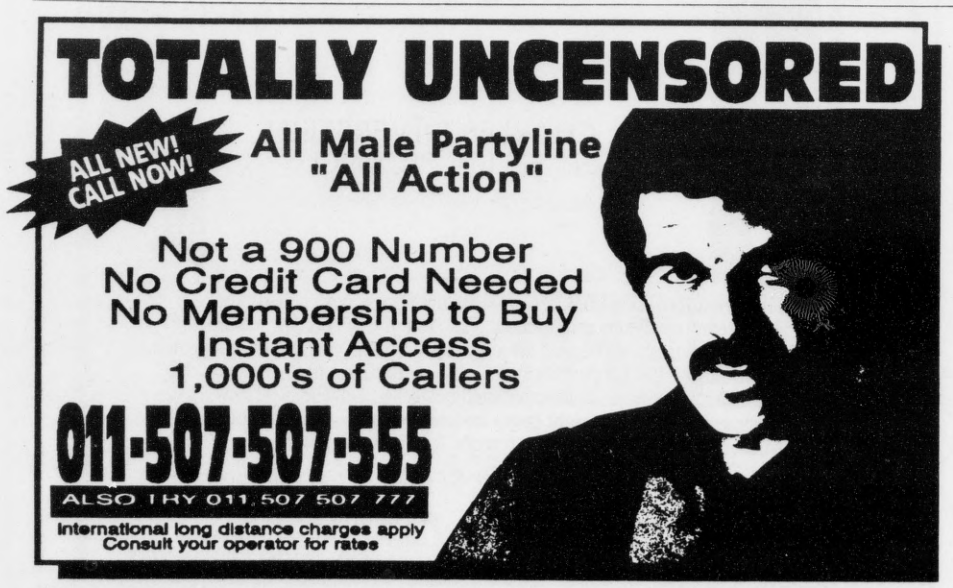
The Mr. and Ms. Deaf California Leather Contest '93 will be held at the Eagle on Saturday, Aug. 14, starting at 7 pm. You can buy into the beer bust for $8, which will benefit AIDS Education/Services for the Deaf & the Stop AIDS Project. Your emcees with be Rainbeau and Danny Williams. Good luck to the producers and all of the contestants.

Central Valley Cheeks & Chaps: Join the Yosemite Chapter of the Knights of Malta for the first annual Mr. and Ms. Central Valley Cheeks & Chaps on Saturday, Aug. 21 at 3 pm. The contest will take place poolside at 5145 E. Washington Ave. in Fresno. Bring your towel and swim suit and have a party day in the sun. You can call (209) 233-3553 for more information.

Russian River Western Weekend III: For those of you into cowboys and cowgirls, you might want to make your reservation for Western Weekend, Aug. 20-22. I have made it to all of these weekends and have enjoyed each one. The events include a dance party, line dance workshops, Tight Wrangler Butts contest, live bands, fashion shows and pool party. This has been one of the largest fundraisers for the Russian River charities. If you would like more information, you can call the Redwood Empire Horseman's Association at (800) 767-1759.

Leatherwalk 1993 is a fundraiser for the AIDS Emergency Fund as well as a great way to celebrate leather pride. On Sunday, Sept. 19, the walk begins at the Headquarters bar on Castro Street starting at 2 pm, and ends at the SF Eagle. This is a big task to undertake, and the man in charge of this event is Art Tomaszewski (Mr. Headquarters Leather '92 and member of the Board of Directors of the AIDS Emergency Fund). If you would like to participate in this year's walk or would like to be a sponsor, you may call (415) 334-4103 for more information or to get a sponsor package.

Golden Gate Guards: Don't miss the GGG's beer bust on Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Eagle. An $8 donation will get you all you can drink and some tasty food. The GGG's are a great group of people. ✿



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these novel therapeutic trials. This point addresses the crucial problem of initiating therapeutic studies with multiple, simultaneous agents.

(6) The government should evaluate and institute incentives to attract the pharmaceutical industry to participate in these efforts.

(7) There is a need for further development of creative thinking within the AIDS research community. This should include an assessment of different management styles and structures, and an emphasis on the training of new investigators.

(8) Expand and create AIDS research programs by infusion of money and talent from outside the current NIH structure.

(9) The president, his administration and Congress must take a leadership role in educating the American public and world community on why these initiatives are important and urgent.

AIDS Treatment News, *a twice-monthly newsletter, is available by subscription. For a sample issue, call (800) TREAT-1-2, or send a SASE to ATN, PO Box 411256, SF 94141. To protect your confidentiality, we mail first class without mentioning AIDS on the envelope.* ✿

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Great Opportunity for someone with sharp administrative and lite bookkeeping skills to work in a feminist/lesbian CPA firm. I am looking for a highly motivated individual with 3+ years experience with WordPerfect, Lotus, and other general administrative duties. Bookkeeping tasks include bank reconciliations and data entry. **Very competitive** compensation and flexible work hours. Send resumes to BT Box AG901A.

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Young Women's Project Coordinator: Gay and lesbian youth organization hiring full-time position. Experience: lesbian/bi women's health, I&R, leadership training, supervision, writing, computer literacy, public speaking. Multicultural/at-risk youth experience. Cover & resume by 8/27/93 to: LYRIC, 3543 18th St #31, SF CA 94410.

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Cartoonist needed to illustrate homo-erotic diaper stories. $10 per hour, freelance only. Please phone (916) 756-8026.

Lesbian Sacred Sex: Photographer Marcelina Martin is looking for couples to photograph for upcoming book, *Lesbian Sacred Sexuality*, co-authored with Diane Mariechild. For photo sessions in August, women of color, older women, disabled women and fat women are sought. We want to make this book to represent our diverse community. Help us make it so. Call for info: (415) 459-7646. $200/couple.

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Australian and American gay couple looking for lesbian couple for mutually beneficial marriage at convenience. Reply BT Box JY952B.

Asian gay male, 22 yo, seeks Asian lesbian (American citizen) for a mutually beneficial marriage. Reply Boxholder, 537 Jones St #2234, SF 94102.

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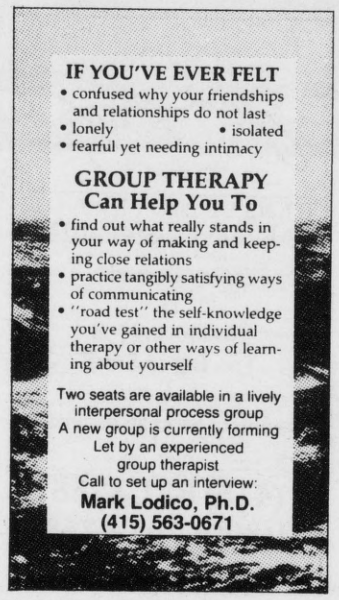
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I was about to become what I will be when I grow up. So I moved quick like a bunny back to California, found a job I like, made peace (more or less) with my rotten childhood, and decided to appreciate the opinionate, passionate, fat Jewish radical "recovering hippie" I am. But being single? That I'd like to change. Wanna help? Reply BT Box AG9A.

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I'm crazy, nurturing, tender and responsible. Looking for someone honest and stable and who knows how to have fun. Can you "hang" and debate? Looking for someone in the middle ground into dinner, walks, clubs; extremely versatile. Ready to love and be loved in return? Call. No hard-core. Kids okay. No smoking. No drugs. Alcohol okay. Call ★★8393.

Someone Special

Come out and play with me, come tell me who you are, please tell me who I am. Please tell me who. I'm a 20-year-old, androgynous Aries. I'm intense, sensitive and caring. I'm looking to meet new people and/or a LTR. So if you're 18-30, give me a chance, you won't regret it. Call ★★8394.

Feminine 30-40ish?

35-yr-old GAF, seeks a feminine feminist to share life with. I am intelligent, physically, financially and, most importantly, emotionally fit. I'm a hopeless romantic who treasures the outdoors, weekend trips, the beauty of Northern California, talking, walking, sharing sunsets, and ultimately feeling connected enough with the right woman to spend warm, soft and mutually gratifying nights with. Pique your interest? Call ★★8395.

Make Me Obey

Elizabeth Taylor beautiful femme, 39, GWF, not skinny, not fat. Looking for a butch daddy or dominant couple to sexually conquer. I'll submit to any demands and do it better than all the rest if you take your power. I want you to make me relinquish control with whatever means you must. It will be worth your while. Call me. I need you now. Don't make me wait any longer. Call ★★8396.

A Small Price To Pay

For 96-cents this might be your wisest investment. I like outdoor activities, exploring new places, sports, dancing, comedy, street fairs and even bumming around the City pretending to be a tourist. I'm honest, sincere, fun, well-educated with strong values about friendship and love. You're into sports/outdoors, in 30s or 40s, NS, collegiate type with a seasoned sense of humor and the confidence?/courage? to make this phone call. Call ★★8397.

Cinderella Seeks Same

Forget Prince Charming and come with me to the ball. A special occasion calls for a special femme. We both look stunning in our flowing gowns; let's dance the night away. Don't make me search the kingdom for my magical date. Glass slippers optional. Nonsmokers a plus. Call ★★8398.

S., From East Bay, 44

With free time. You answered my ad in the July 15 issue but didn't leave your phone number. Please call again. Call ★★8399.

Biker Seeks Babe

Big Latin leather daddy bear, 35, with warm heart, adventurous soul, and small but powerful hands. Enjoys passionate kissing, music, intense spankings, vampires, long hot sex, French roast, romance, kite flying, bondage, concerts, candles, lust, life & ... Desires a woman/girl who's open to switching, thirsty for adventure & can laugh at life. Please no separatists, recovery addicts. Prefer live & let live type. Green-eyed monsters encouraged! Call ★★8400.

Constant Craving

Are you out there? I'm a 22 y.o. single Black beauty, lesbian. I'm playful, kind and very affectionate, curvy and fit, hopeless romantic. I'd love to keep in touch with some single, romantic, 20-something (white, Latin, Asian, etc.) lesbian women for time sharing, sexual satisfaction, fantasy fulfillment and lots of fun. Nymphomaniacs and big beautiful women encouraged! Lesbians only, please. "415" resident a must. Call ★★8401.

Are You Over 40— Because I Sure As Hell Am

Come share these warm summer nights with a playfully romantic Taurean woman. Love to travel, have a great sense of humor & love to be intimate. Financially & emotionally secure. No substance abusers please & no smoking. Call ★★8402.

Help Trim My Sails

Come sail away on a new course to happiness with a fun-loving dyke. You live in the City, like walks in town as well as the woods; have an easygoing spirit that needs its own space to be free—yet yearn for two strong arms to hold you close on cold foggy nights. My passion and romance seek direction from a compass you possess. I love you, Mims, give my journey purpose! Call ★★8403.

Friends Are Forever

I'm a warm sensitive feminine lesbian who'd like to make some new bonding friendships. If you aren't afraid to share your thoughts and dreams; if you are looking for understanding, compassion and someone who'll always be there, then we should talk. I enjoy movies, stargazing, nature, photography, singing, and I adore children. Want to know more? Then call me. Call ★★8404.

I Love Games, Not Gameplayers

Half-Japanese South Bay smartass with insatiable appetite for games (especially one-on-one games) is looking for an intelligent, handsome, soft to full-bodied, single, smoke- and drug-free, financially independent, Peninsula/South Bay lesbian with a similar appetite. Searching for an interesting challenge? Why not try this soft butch continual contradiction? No feline-lovers. I'm allergic. Lesbians only, please. Reply BT Box AG10A.

Libra Amazon Naturalist/Artist...

Irish/German/French/Cherokee. 31, into playing music, books, creativity, dance, bicyle touring, organic gardening, wilderness exploration, kids, KPFA, laughter, earth-based spirituality, affection, nurturing; seeks companionship, friendship, lovemaking, honesty. Also would like to meet lesbians hiding out in the hills of coastal Peninsula/Santa Cruz for gatherings, fun. Please no S/M, heavy drinking, smokers or TV addicts. Take a chance! Call ★★8405.

Care To Join Me?

Smart, fun, reliable, accomplished, flexible woman, 46, looking for same and more for friendship, cuddling, chemistry. I enjoy music, reading, cooking, talking, laughing, touching, walking, swimming, gardening, shopping (consignment shops, used books). I'm down-to-earth; an East Bay resident; interested in current affairs; a family therapist. I value home and community. I'm zaftig and strong; attracted to women of some substance. Care to join me? Reply BT Box AG11A or call ★★8406.

Playful, Attractive

Financially secure female, 27, loves gothic/industrial, house and rock music, seeks bright, lively female, 18 to 21, very pretty, busty, fit, to share travel and good times with. Call ★★8407.

Attractive, Soft Butch

Serious feminist, professional, therapied, with reverence for communication, reliability, humor, spirituality, sensuality and mature, open minds. Seeks alternative family or lover with similar values and goals. Enjoy films, hiking, reading and good conversation. Wish to expand social horizons, meet new friends and see what happens. Prefer women 35+. No substance abusers. Reply BT Box AG12A or call ★★8408.

Hot Femme Women

I'm a lesbian Black femme, 26 y.o., very energetic, in good physical condition, educated and drug-free. I enjoy dancing, theater, outdoor activities, and more. I have no lesbian femme friends of the same age range (21-35). I'm really tired of my straight friends and relatives and would like lesbian femme friends to hang out with. Out or closeted respondents welcome to call—all secrets kept with me. Call ★★8409.

Story Goes Like This:

Hothead and Tankgirl went out on the town, smoked a doobie and decided to play around. Hothead sez: Hey babe, take a walk on the silly side of life; I'll drive you crazy if you'll drive me insane. Only pleez, let's do it somewhere with a view. We'll shoot all the tourists, make a funeral pyre and dance around it naked, singing the Hallelujah Chorus. Call ★★8410.

Are You Ready For Love?

I guess the real question is, are you ready to take the chance? You know, stick your neck out for the right woman. I love to communicate my deepest thoughts (and shallow ones too!) and share my feelings with someone I trust and understand. Let's laugh with the good times, and support each other through the bad, learning from our experiences and constantly growing through this sometimes painful life. If you're 24-35, don't mind cute Asian women, you're androgynous and kinda femme, and are ready for love with a real pain in the ass (but definitely worth it), pls call ★★8411.

Love, Friends

Intelligent, growth-oriented, fit, attractive, sexual woman—health, herbs—would like to meet self-grown, positive, hot androg/butch, soft, over 5'6", fit, 45-55 for cafe conversation, relationship. Please have passion for life. Call ★★8412.

Opposites Attract; Likes Endure

Small, blonde, femme-of-center who's crazy for muscled, dark, butch-of-center women, but (if I can't have Gabriela Sabatini) craves open, progressive, funny, loyal women of any fashion who cherish lifelong friendships. I'm into sports, reading, anti-racism, travel, poker, dinners out, dressing up or down, vanilla-fudge sexplay. Seeking broadminded friends to add to my family and, if lucky, someone to stir my passion. Call ★★8413.

Life Is Too Short

Interesting, energetic, feminine, 38-yr-old seeking other interesting, energetic women. Pull yourself away from work and squeeze a little more out of life. Call ★★8414.

I Live The Night Life...

Quiet and very shy, with a good sense of humor, full-bodied, Latin, nocturnal South Bay soft butch billiards fanatic seeks Peninsula/South Bay lipstick lesbian for friendship... or more. Please be naturally feminine, drug-free, single, 30 to 40 yrs. old, Latin or Caucasian, and financially independent. Smokers and light drinkers okay. Lesbians only, please. All responses with photos answered first. Reply BT Box AG13A.

To Bed Or To Table You Must Come When Bid...

Beautiful butch top with a voracious appetite for fun, food and sex—sexually dominant and experienced, seeks feisty femme with a quick wit for fun and/or fucking. Friendship or relationship equally possible. I am a 29-year-old woman of color; hilarious with a big laugh, sexy, loud, good-smelling, cute with a nice smile and big beautiful brown eyes. NS and ND please, but light-drinker okay. Call ★★8415.

A Good Sense Of Humor

I love to laugh and have a good time, but like to be serious too. Looking for fun, romance, honesty, passion and whatever else you have to offer. I'm 24, tall, slender, androgynous, into cute non-butch women with a friendly smile and an open heart. Not into games or drug-users. Call me and let's talk. Call ★★8416.

Attractive Femme Wanted

Handsome, 35-year-old, salt and pepper butch top, East Coast mentality, great sense of humor, smart, funny, who enjoys intelligent conversaton, movies (foreign), restaurants, NY Times Book Review, museums, being fit, walks, dancing, the beach, and throwing dinner parties. I'm looking for an extremely sexy, pretty, bright femme who wants to be pampered and spoiled, and is not afraid of exploring hot sex without a lot of drama. I'd love to wake up in the morning with a cup of coffee and watch you getting dressed for work with the make-up, clothes, jewelry, nail polish, putting your lipstick on in the mirror. I'll worship the ground you walk on; what a turn-on! I don't care how old or what color you are. Let's hash the rest out on the phone, over coffee, in my apartment or all three! Call ★★8417.

Who Dares...

To wrap a string of lights around this Scorpio's heart? I'm 32, white, curly auburn hair, brown eyes, kinda shy, cute, funny, passionate, faithful, hopeless romantic, enjoy comedy, photography, the outdoors, snuggling, long kisses, sex, intimate conversations, Rita Mae Brown, Winnie the Pooh, making snide remarks/holding hands at the movies... missing a sweetie to hold close and make memories with. You're 25-40, smart, funny, adventurous, faithful, communicative, emotionally available, over your ex!, love cuddling, kissing, long walks, exploring, friendships, breakfast in bed. Wrap those lights by liking who you are with your decency, kindness, silly sense of humor, the special way you're ordinary. Will answer all. Call ★★8418.

I'm Ready

For adventure, romance, sensual sex, stimulating conversation and more. 30something healthy mind and body wants to meet you. Are you ready? Let's meet... Call ★★8419.

RSTLNE (Not)

How about somewhat closeted, very attractive, feminine, kind, with a great personality and a genuine heart. Add: intelligence, humor, wit, honesty and integrity. Combine: mid-30s, professional, fun-loving, romantic and normal, with a touch of red pepper for taste. I am exclusively interested in meeting other feminine, attractive, discreet, professional, stable, healthy, intelligent women, 30s to 40s, for fun, new friendships, dating, and perhaps more. Sense of humor and laughter important. Reply BT Box AG14A.

You Just Go Girl!

At least that's what my evil twin has been saying to me lately. 29 y.o. cute butch girl w/dimples looking for nice Jewish girl whom I can share some rice pudding with while watching a movie at my place after some soft non-marriage-minded sex. My mom would be proud of me. NS/ND. But must be conversation-positive. Call ★★8420.

Sadistic Service

Submissive sadist sought by femme dominant masochist. Cane, crop, whip, paddle and spank me before I take your willing fist. Well-mannered butch boys especially encouraged. Call ★★8421.

Coming, Coming, Gone!

They say you never call, never write? Perfect! Just the girl I've been looking for. Attractive, fit femme with incredibly responsive body parts is looking for casual, indulgent sex. Butch and soft-butch, attractive, fit lesbians who are interested in my version of an LTR (Laid & Then Released) come on down! Call ★★8422.

Desperate Loser Seeks Same

Poser novice S/M dyke who doesn't want to bottom to top wants you. Actually—I only want you if you're a butch masochist eager to tolerate an inexperienced player. You must be sex-worker friendly, love cigarette smoke and loud fast music. It'd be nice if you weren't a drug addict/drunk or militant 12-stepper. Please hate/fear intimacy, monogamy, Birkenstocks. Call ★★8423.

Deluge

The "dark side" is bullshit. Seeking fellow demon with intense energy, skills and desire who doesn't believe magic can be purchased or chemically induced. Want a woman who craves conversation that can get her as hot as being touched, but who also loves to fuck with or without knives or eye contact. Fall in love or just help each other redecorate. Let's eat snacks on the roof. Call ★★8424.

Young Blond Bombshell S/M Novice

Seeks punk rock dyke with a dirty mind and a good fist to bend her over in a dark alley and polish my boots at home. No separatists, no bullshit. Call ★★8425.

Let Me Out!

Desperately seeking stranger seeking Susan... or other SF women who've broken out of Roberta's closet. Not exactly a suburban housewife, but came too close for comfort—Sister Christian, the time has come! Young Murphy Brown w/child seeks new friends to introduce me to the lavender underbelly of San Francisco. Love dancing, but too shy to hit the clubs alone. (Susan Sarandon sound-alikes especially encouraged.) Call ★★8426.

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BISEXUAL

Multiperson Relationship

Sensitive, caring, sexual, communicative, intelligent, definitely bisexual male seeks couple or like-minded individuals who want to explore the possibility of a committed, connected, honest, long-term multiperson relationship. Want M/F in touch with feelings and able to talk about them. I'm 39, HIV-, Marinite, who enjoys being in nature, hiking, biking, dancing, talking, being physical, pushing limits. Not interested in casual or purely physical relationships. Let's explore the possibilities. Call ★★8473.

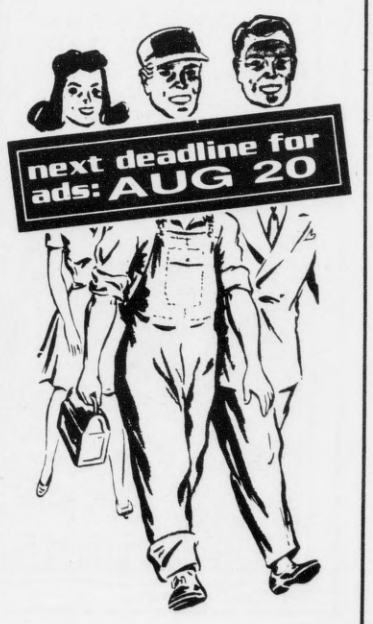
Happily married bisexual male seeks same. Please be in a working and committed relationship/marriage and be looking for friendship and support. I'm a 30something, fairly evolved, fairly attractive, successful entrepreneur who has spent a great deal of time embracing his bisexuality. I have full support from my wife who is committed to making our marriage work and encourages my self-actualization. I'm anxious to meet other bisexual married men in similar scenarios. Your brief note gets mine. Reply BT Box AG300A or call ★★8474.

Join WOB

Wives of Bisexuals (WOB), a small, progressive group of heterosexual women married to bisexual men, is seeking members to join new support group. We are looking for positive, articulate married women willing to share experiences, marriage challenges and coping mechanisms for living a successful alternative lifestyle. Please contact by phone or letter. Reply BT Box AG301A or call ★★8475.

Like You

I am BiWM, 31, masculine, blue collar type (tall,



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slender, swimmer's body, HIV-). Like you, I can't deny my hunger for another beautiful man's sweaty passion. Like you, I must be discreet. Like you, I have one month off from work and can't wait to get into trouble. Like to? Call ★★8476.

Looking For

Gentle, warm, bi-curious, bi-shy or bisexual male for conversation, walks, dinners, movies, personal intimacy and possibly physical/sexual pleasure. Hopefully you are open-minded, good-humored, with a peaceful yet fun-loving spirit who does not abuse drugs or alcohol. I am a 40 y.o. WM who uses a wheelchair and is coming to terms w/his bisexuality. I feel I'm average-looking, sometimes quite introspective. Sometimes silly, playful, passionate. No pressure—let's make this easygoing. Reply BT Box AG302A or call ★★8477.

Curious Lesbian Virgin

I'm a 29 y.o. lesbian and, sadly, still a virgin. Some of you guys at this year's parade were so cute that I must finally give in. I've always wanted to, but I've been too shy (and nervous). I'm sweet, gentle, very curious and, surprise, I'm feminine and cute. I'm looking for a similar-aged cute gay guy who's also a virgin to explore a sexual experience with me. Please be kind, not into leather or S/M, and hopefully be kinda cute. I'm HIV- and very confidential. You must be too. Respond and enclose a snapshot (if you want). Reply BT Box AG303A or call ★★8478.

My Ex

Needs a new lover. We're still good friends, and I'm screening for her. She's small, intense, raven-haired and bookish, with a cruel streak. Lipstick bi boho—a real beauty. She's very highly sexed and needs a lover with stamina. Stylish, perverse and interesting gentlemen of any gender should call. She's trouble and fun and worth the trip. Call ★★8479.

Masculine, Hairy Seeks Same

Attractive, discreet, well-built, 6'2", 200 lbs., bl/bl, tan, 43, clean-cut, honest, reliable, HIV-. I enjoy motorcycles, swimming, hiking, camping, scuba diving, country music. I am seeking a very masculine male who isn't afraid to be with a man. If there are any versatile hairy (optional), well-built men looking for a possible mate or friendship, write to K., PO Box 578305, Modesto 95357-8305.

Sol Y Moon

Silken chiffon camisoles lifted up by a balmy, tropical breeze on an open-air verandah. Sunny, succulent mangoes squeezed onto bare, taut nipples. Poetry read aloud feverishly by candlelight. Alternative, eclectic, HIV-, bisexual, bicultural, literary, artsy male is hoping for the moon. Looking for an adventurous, romantic, unconventional, artsy femme, but tough, bi-female for like and ? Call ★★8480.

37, Intense, Sexy And French/Italian

All of my relationships are hot and passionate. Intense relationships really get my juices flowing. It's exciting waking up with someone you love. When just looking at them gives you a hard-on. When leaving them helps you grow. I want truth, I want beauty, I want it all. Can this ad find me a passionate connection? Depends on the depth of the caller. Call ★★8481.

Macho Guys In Skirts

Mature dominant guy seeks small cute bi-guy for fantasy fun. Enjoy role-playing, cross-dressing, spanking, bondage, massage, fondling or whatever turns you on. I am 6 ft. tall, slim, with fair complexion & dark blue eyes. Ideally you have smooth tan skin, long hair, great legs, beautiful buns, a good sense of humor. But nobody's perfect! All races welcome. Please call ★★8482.

Out 'N About...

26. Asian TV going through transition of becoming a woman, but still lives a dual life, but not for long. Seeks man for acquaintance who's kind, loving, supportive, generous, tall, big (stocky OK), whites, Latinos & Europeans a+. In return, friendship & companionship and, if chemistry is right, who knows? Not a sex ad, and for serious responses only. Call ★★8483.

Genuinely Nice BiDWM

Researched how to find the right BiF for mutually healthy balance, fun, growth, romance, etc.: Another first-born ACA from family of 4 or more siblings, who also has jettisoned the unhealthy baggage, kept the good parts. Moderate alcohol, NS, ND, N/STD, HIV-. Photo/write all about yourself. Box 342, 94807 or call ★★8484.

Curious Lesbians Also Welcome

Good-looking, 29 BiWM Ph.D. student with M lover who approves seeks good-looking F, up to 40, for friendship and intimacy. I enjoy talking about philosophy, poetry, religion, art and politics. Also enjoy hikes and movies. Call ★★8485.

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SHARED INTEREST

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The Shared Interest ads are a part of the Personals, and as such as for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

Prospective Queer Parents

Do you want to be one? We are a community group that meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30 am for a potluck & discussion about lesbians & gay men co-parenting together or known donor situations. If you are looking for a co-parent or just looking for support—come & eat with us. Call ★★8515.

Women—Get Sweaty!

Breathe hard and roll around on the floor together! Sound like your idea of fun? Join the wrestling team and go to Gay Games. For info call ★★8516.

Join WOB

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Next Step

I am a 37-year-old JM who works in the helping professions. I am intelligent, sensitive, complex and have varied interests in music, dancing, the arts, etc. I am looking for others who are, like me, exploring their gender identity, to talk, shop, dress up, go out, and become friends with. This is not all I do or am, and I don't know where all this is going to lead me. If this sounds interesting, please let me know. By the way, this is not a sex ad. Reply BT Box AG601A or call ★★8518.

Calling SF Lesbian Homeowners

Living in the Lower Haight, Duboce Triangle and Hayes Valley. Let's get together and share info on home improvement projects, general contractors, planting gardens and community improvement. A once a month potluck is what I have in mind. Interested? Call ★★8519.

Sing It, Girlfriend

Want to join or form a circle of loud, irreverent, open-minded, non-PC women to sing, chant, raise energy, work magic? Hard-working accountant, student, writer, 28, seeks music, connectedness, friends. Not into pre-judgments, prejudices, or phobias (homo-, trans-, fat-, S/M-, etc.) of any kind. Do you think harmonizing Motown or k.d. lang tunes could be as powerful as Goddess chants? Any other ideas? Call ★★8520.

Women Of Color Artists

Chinese-American visual artist seeks other queer sisters who share strong commitment to art and radical politics, whether we do "political art" or not. Let's share & discuss our work, swap strategies for economic, artistic, mental, spiritual survival. "Crafts," non-traditional media encouraged. All queer women of color welcome; Asians especially encouraged. No biphobia. Group can be loose & informal or more intense—suggestions welcome! Call ★★8521.

Women Runners And Walkers

Come out and get sweaty with us! The San Francisco FrontRunner Women are waiting to welcome you. Do you want a fast five-mile run? A gentle one-mile walk? Something in-between? We run (or walk), have fun. Come join us (and the guys), 9 am Saturdays, Stow Lake Boathouse, GG Park. Call ★★8522.

East Bay magazine and video collector seeking other collectors to trade and/or borrow videos and magazines. Call ★★8523.

Tahoe-Yosemite Bound

GWF, 40s, seeks same, 35-50, as travel companion for weekday trip, 3-4 days, Lake Tahoe & another time 2 or 3 days camping in Yosemite, anytime from now until Sept. 15. Must be energetic, adventurous, sincere, honest & nice! Call ★★8524.

Workout Partner Needed

Muscular guy is seeking someone big and muscular as a workout partner. I want to get huge and need some help. No drugs. Available to workout M-F after 6:30; weekends open. I'm very reliable and dependable, am looking for same. Call ★★8525.

Mills High Grads

Classes of 1976, 1977 & 1978 (Burlingame & Millbrae)—missed the latest reunion? Curious to know who else came out/in from the 'burbs? How 'bout a cup of coffee? Potluck? Call ★★8526.

Lonely? Isolated? Depressed?

Desperate? Suicidal? Do these words describe you: moody, deeply sensitive/feeling, questor, idealist, introspective, brooding, artistic, tragic romantic, intense, meaninglessness, integrity, intuitive, writer, emotional, growth/relationship-oriented, different, teacher, self-aware, private, unappreciated, journals, passionate, truth-seeking, authentic, spiritual, black sheep? If yes, you are special, gifted, sensitive to other's needs, but suffer from lack of understanding/appreciation. We have much to share. PO Box 1551, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★8527.

Women's Jam—Lez Play!

We're intermediate and advanced musicians with small egos and positive attitudes who love to play. Blues, jazz, funk, Middle Eastern, open rhythms; whatever feels right at the moment. We know how to listen and don't have anything to prove. East Bay but we'll come to SF if enough people are into it. Call ★★8528.

Workout Partner Or Climbing Partner

Looking for reliable, non-flaky women who are fun, sensible and caring. I work out at Gold's in the East Bay, and climb all over California. I'm a solid 5.9 climber; 5.10s make me sweat; and I flail on anything harder than a 5.11. Call if interested. Call ★★8529.

Sailor Seeks Crew

GWM, 41, with 45 ft. ketch and lover, has openings for sailing crew. No experience necessary, just the desire to learn and become part of a sailboat family that has a deep love for the San Francisco Bay. I think tis is a magical lifestyle and welcome a few special people to share the adventure. Captain, 1001 Bridgeway, #428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★8530.

Rusty Writers Group

Do you like to write but can somehow never find the time? Do you write but are afraid to share your work? Would you like to write but are afraid of not being good enough? If you answered yes to any of these questions and would like to make a change, come join the East Bay Lesbian Rusty Writers Group. Let's get together in an encouraging, nonjudgmental atmosphere, where we can overcome the obstacles that hold us back. Natalie Goldberg's books "Wild Mind" and "Writing Down the Bones" encouraged reading. Call ★★8531.

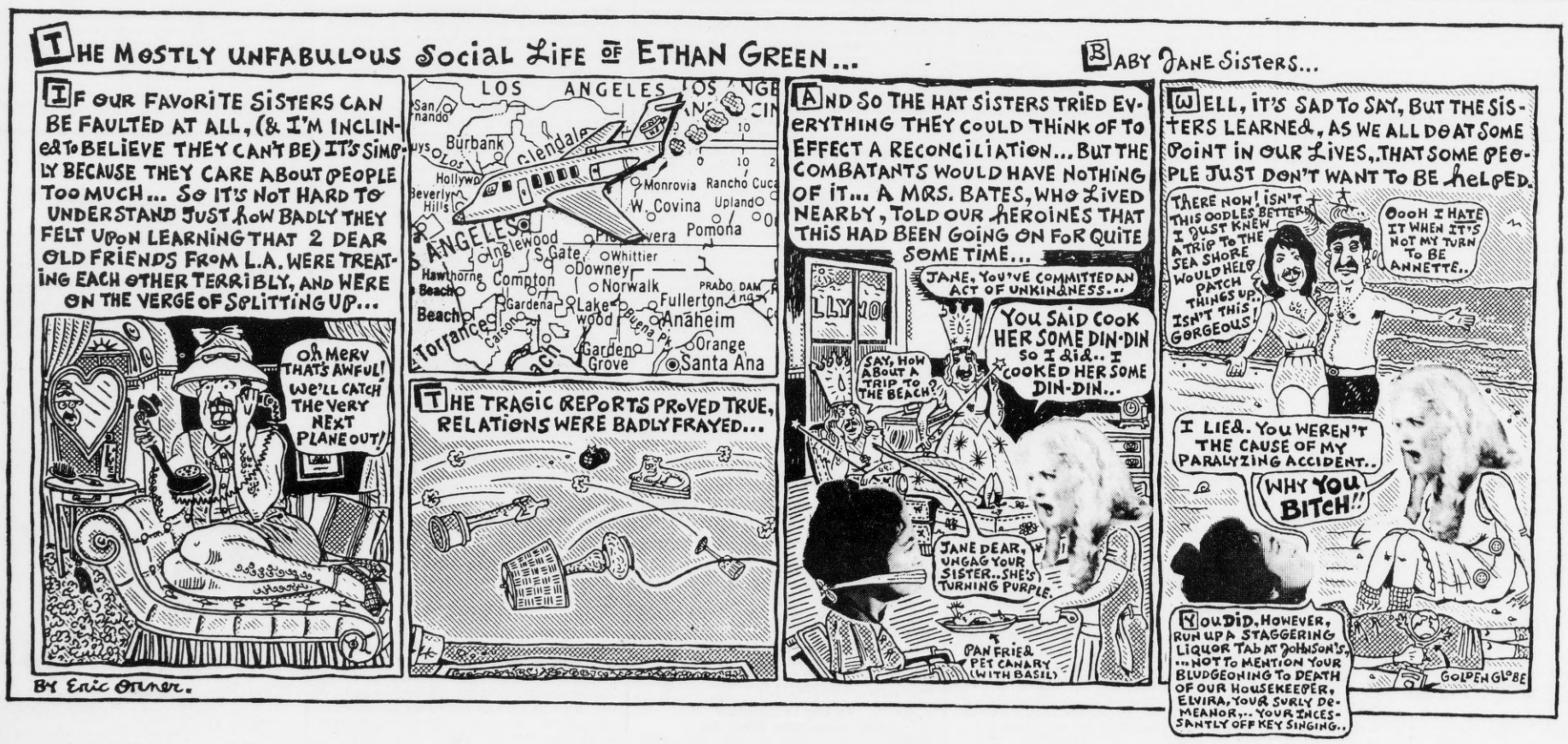
Tykes On Hikes

Calling camping tykes and your lesbian moms. Join us for non-rigorous camping, hiking, and other "excellent adventures." Consider bringing a game to teach, a song to lead, a story to tell, a kite to fly, bubbles to blow, smiles to share. Pack your tents, roll your sleeping bags, invite your "snugglies," and let's get going before summer disappears. Call ★★8532.

I am fluent in Italian and would like to learn Castilian Spanish and Brazilian Portuguese. If you speak one of these languages and would like to do an exchange of lessons Italian/Spanish or Italian/Portuguese please write. Reply BT Box AG602A.

Travel Companion Wanted

GWM teacher, 44, seeks companion for travel in range of August 15-31. Destination flexible—I just need a getaway. Asia, Alaska, Southwest U.S.,


THE MOSTLY UNFABULOUS Social Life OF ETHAN GREEN...
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OH MERV THAT'S AWFUL! WE'LL CATCH THE VERY NEXT PLANE OUT!
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SAY, HOW ABOUT A TRIP TO THE BEACH?
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WELL, IT'S SAD TO SAY, BUT THE SISTERS LEARNED, AS WE ALL DO AT SOME POINT IN OUR LIVES, THAT SOME PEOPLE JUST DON'T WANT TO BE HELPED.
THERE NOW! ISN'T THIS OODLES BETTER? I JUST KNEW A TRIP TO THE SEA SHORE WOULD HELP PATCH THINGS UP. ISN'T THIS GORGEOUS!
OOOH I HATE IT WHEN IT'S NOT MY TURN TO BE ANNETTE..
I LIED. YOU WEREN'T THE CAUSE OF MY PARALYZING ACCIDENT..
WHY YOU BITCH!!
YOU DID, HOWEVER, RUN UP A STAGGERING LIQUOR TAB AT JOHNSON'S, ...NOT TO MENTION YOUR BLUDGEONING TO DEATH OF OUR HOUSEKEEPER, ELVIRA, YOUR SURLY DEMEANOR,.. YOUR INCESSANTLY OFF KEY SINGING..
GOLDEN GLOBE
BY Eric Orner.

other? Could be a loose arrangement in which we drive/fly together and then stay in touch but don't room together. Or possibly could leave/return separately but get in touch while we're there. Leave me a message with your ideas! Call ★★8533.

Let's Get Together

This non-sedate Asian male, 46, 5'9", 145 lbs., is interested in meeting other masculine, physically active, clean-cut guys for male bonding. We enjoy diverse cultural and social activities available in the City and the Bay Area. Interests include the arts, films, multi-ethnic foods, workouts, running, camping, card game (poker), dancing, travel, music, bargain hunting, and home life. Somewhat assertive but very respectful and sensitive. Able to develop and share mutual feelings (joy and sorrow) and be counted as a trusted, resourceful companion. Call ★★8534.

TRANS

A Fine Romance

MTF transsexual, 36, writer, in early stage of well-planned transition, is lovely, sweet and loving; strong and energetic. I am intelligent, witty, creative; and I dance beautifully. A deeply romantic soul, and a young girl's spirit, luckily coupled with just enough seasoned realism. I want to be in love, and explore my new sexuality in a committed context. Seeking a boyfriend of any gender (am somewhat afraid of men, but want to be open to all). (Butch/femme lovemaking was divine with butch "ex.") Want to love an extraordinary partner? (If you also love dancing and theater, even better.) Call ★★8500.

Out 'N About

26, Asian TV going through transition of becoming a woman, but still lives a dual life, but not for long. Seeks men for acquaintance who're kind, loving, supportive, generous, tall, big (stocky OK) whites, Latinos & Europeans a+. In return, friendship & companionship and, if chemistry is right, who knows? Not a sex ad, and for serious responses only. Call ★★8501.

MESSAGES

Superstar Video, Saturday 7/17, 7 PM

I gave you my card because we have a very similar interest. I'd love to talk to you and take it from there—no pressure. I'm an easygoing, average guy, and always discreet. You're very handsome and share a unique passion with me. Please call for an opportunity for us to get to know each other. Thanks. Call ★★8545.

Sausalito—House Boat

You answered my ad with the headline, "Difficulties." Wrote down wrong address for you, letter came back. Would like to meet you. Please respond again. I don't have your letter anymore. Reply BT Box AG700A or call ★★8546.

24th St. BART Station

Thursday, 7/22, approx. 12:50 pm. I was waiting for an East Bay bound train with my bike. I looked up & you smiled (you were leaning out the cab window). Unfortunately your train was leaving & mine was arriving. If you're interested & single... call! By the way, you have a great smile. Call ★★8547.

Bacchus In Santa Rosa

Remember me/ Whenever other lovers become old, and are no longer new. When nights grow cold/ Remember me as I remember you. Want me still/ Put your palms across my quivering heart/ Open up your arms/ And my thoughts will fly to you. Remember me/ For I still love you. — Scorpio Woman.

Babycakes

Seeking LTR with you and only you (well A. and Z. can join us too). I love your burning passion, your dedication and commitment, your wild sense of romance and play, your power and gentleness, your sense of "space." I love soaring with you, sleeping with you, shopping with you. You are the loving, caring person every woman dreams of, and I found you first! Signed—Your Jackpot Winner-o-the-Heart, P. Call ★★8548.

S., From East Bay, 44

With free time. You answered my ad in the July 15 issue but didn't leave your phone number. Please call again. Call ★★8549.

Desperately Seeking Houston

Not really desperate, but it was nice talking w/you at my sidewalk sale on Diamond St. on 7/4. You moved here in 1990 at the urging of your ex, but kept your house in Houston. We were packing up the sale and you left. Can we continue our conversation. How about coffee? Call ★★8550.

White Baseball Cap

At Living Sober. Loose tie at the Brick. How did it happen that we never danced together that weekend? I'd love to get a chance to properly introduce myself to you. Would you let me take you to dinner? You choose the restaurant! Maybe we'll have that dance after all. Call ★★8551.

Castro Muni

Thursday, 8/5, 7:50 am, underground station—you're blond, medium height, slim, dark suit, appear European, stood near the door of crowded train. I'm dark blond, similar build, was wearing dark blue shirt, black pants, black tie, carrying blue knapsack. I got out at Powell St. We exchanged glances—I suspect neither of us wanted to be intrusive—would you like to get together for coffee? Call ★★8552.

Eric's Restaurant, 8/5

You were attractive Asian man, in brown leather jacket, with 3 friends. I was white male with my lesbian friend at next table. You smiled at me early on, then we exchanged smiles as I left. Shall we meet? PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★8553.

MEN

Scatbears Make Me Hard

Me: bearded, brn/grn, 5'7", 140#, lithe body, moderately furry, nice cock, in my 20s, good-looking. I wear my brown hanky on the left. I'm looking for a couple of good, dirty-minded, eager-to-please scatrogues and rimdogs. You: bearded, hairy biker trash, furry mountain man, or burly bear with an appetite. Other fur-bearing critters welcomed to respond. Must have a beard and be good-looking. Age unimportant. I'm looking for bottoms, not tops or mutuals. Extra points for good kissers. Write with a photo and we'll discuss fantasies and limits. Daddy and daddy's boy, verbal abuse, other scenes possible. Reply BT Box AG70A or call ★★8560.

2 Looking For 3rd

Want to make a threesome? We do. Both of us are professionals (UC grads), GWM, HIV- and very clean. One of us is 34, 5'11", 160#, with very little sexual experience (but eager as heck). One of us is 43, 5'7", 190#, stocky and eager to go along. If you are in your 20s or 30s and HIV- and would like to join us, then let's get together. Reply BT Box AG71A or call ★★8561.

Not Looking For Sex

26-yr-old, HIV+, masculine, Latin male seeks men of color (esp. Latin) who don't care that I'm positive or who are also positive. Good friendships are what I seek. If it leads to relationship, that's fine. I'm 6', 185 lbs., blk hair, grn eyes. I don't care if your body is not like Stallone's. I don't care how big your dick is. I enjoy any outdoor activity regardless of weather. I'm an avid A's fan. I don't care for most indoor activities (TV, shopping, movies). It took a lot of balls for me to place this ad, so I'm hoping you'll have enough balls to respond. Call ★★8562.

Foreign Gay

You can try to find out where I come from. I'm seeking an Asian or white man, 25-35 y.o. for a relationship. I'm 30 y.o., 5'9", 155 lbs. I'm not handsome, but I think I have other things you will perhaps appreciate. If you'd like some travel, we can perhaps make some trips together. I like to eat good food. Call ★★8563.

Seeking Dominant Man

38 y.o., GWM, masculine, athletic, nice body. Into verbal abuse, fetishes, body worship. Seeks straight-acting, relationship-oriented, dominant man. You also must be good-looking. I live in East Bay but commuting is not a problem. No phone sex. Call ★★8564.

Gorgeous, Loving, Athletic, Latin/Caucasian

Is what I am! Stats: 5'8", 27, 150 lbs., very muscular, frequent gym-goer, HIV+ healthy, serious about maintaining a healthy diet/lifestyle, ND, NS, pot etc. Am looking for someone equally good-looking with at least a gym-toned to muscular physique. Interests: health, movies, animals, environment, travel, fidelity/monogamy, spirituality. P.S. I've done some modeling, am looking for someone similar in looks. Thanks! Call ★★8565.

Slim 18-19 Wanted By GWM, 53

Really nice, friendly, professional, 53, wants slim, 18-19, who looks like a young high school student, any race, inexperienced OK. No HIV, smoking, alcohol, drugs. Share being kind, honest, caring, understanding, respectful and fun-loving. I've my own apartment, car, job. I can help with schoolwork, English, computers, life. Gentle, expert massage. Love the way you want. Write PO Box 22181, SF 94122.

Black Man Wanted

39 y.o. professional, masculine GWM, 5'8", 160 lbs., HIV-, seeks masculine GBM, 30-45, for friendship and possible LTR. My interests include tennis, working out, Macintosh computers, hiking, cooking, reading and spending quiet evenings at home with friends. I'm masculine, very discreet and in pretty good shape. I'm interested in meeting someone who is honest, sincere, educated and/or professional, HIV- and in reasonable shape. You don't have to share all my interests. Give me a call and let's get together. Call ★★8566.

No Hustlers Or Liars

If you are intimidated by someone who is successful, compassionate, honest, masculine, handsome and loving then stop reading. If you lack the self-confidence to communicate and to build toward a life-long relationship then please skip to the next ad. If you have all the personality of wet cardboard or do not have a clue as to who you are or what is really important in life then kindly buy a dog. And please, have a job. I am a mature, multi-degreed professional GWM living in the City, who is 5'10", 160#, gym-toned, HIV-, NS, ND, light drinker, with moustache and S/P hair. In August I will be 50. I enjoy travel and a broad spectrum of cultural pursuits. A fireplace, good music and a warm and loving man is a wonderful combination. I appreciate someone who knows the joys of cuddling after great sex. Please respond with photo (returned) to Boxholder, PO Box 190907, SF 94119.

Romantic & Sincere

Nice-looking, 50, GWM, HIV-, nonsmoker, 5'8", 160, I'm personable, successful, sensitive, kind, loving & fun. Enjoy theater, movies, dining out and long walks with the right guy. If you're a GWM, 32-47 & like who you are (hairy a+), must like to cuddle, be honest and know how to communicate, let's check out the chemistry. Call ★★8567.

T-Shirt, Blue Jeans, Baseball Cap, 4X4

I'm just your basic guy-next-door type with above average looks and intelligence. I keep in shape by working out (3+ days a week), bicycling, hiking and snowboarding when in season. Stats: 28, 5'7", 150 lbs., blue eyes, brown hair. I'm looking for a clean-cut, masculine, nonsmoking, drug-free, HIV- guy (like myself) between the ages of 25-30. I'd prefer a college graduate or student who is career- and relationship-oriented. Please reply: Boxholder, PO Box 190271, SF 94119 (photo exchange requested). Thanks!

Banker Turned HIV+ Bohemian

37, 5'6", 145 lbs., blond, bearded, tattooed, healthy on disability, hairy bottom. Seeks other HIV+ for exotic travel, rail, cruise, auto. Nonsexual travel buddy, fuckbuddy or true love, all options. Am humorous, educated, hyper, wacky, comfortable in chaps or tuxedo—own both. Fluent French, good Spanish. Let's enjoy the silver lining of being on disability—it's now or never! Santa Cruz (have wheels). Call ★★8568.

Boston, MA, J/O Buddy

Attractive and masculine Boston Black male, visits San Francisco frequently, is searching for a gay or bi white or Asian male interested in joining me for hot mutual J/O action on my business trips to your city. I'm a discreet, young-looking, 48-year-old J/O buddy who'd appreciate hearing from you. Your photo gets one of me. Write to: B.H., PO Box 8723, Boston, MA 02114-0037.

Tall, Dark, Hairy And Handsome

Masculine, sexy man with blue-green eyes, short dark hair, hairy body, moustache, 6'7", husky 250, 30 yrs. old in August, great shape, very hung, very loving and giving, sensitive and sincere. Outgoing and intelligent professional—wants to meet a handsome husky man with good values and a sense of humor. You won't be disappointed. I'm a hot man that you will be proud to call your other half. Call ★★8569.

I Knead You

Come let me soothe your aching muscles on my massage table. Love kneading tight butt muscles as prelude to deep probing. You: average to slim build, moderately smooth, like nurturing touch with humor, no heavy attitude, and under 45. Me: 41 y.o., blond, blue, 5'8", 145#. Come relax at the River or in the City. Send photo (returned) & more. Box 471, Monte Rio 95462 or call ★★8570.

Share Home Free

If we match up as part-time lovers. Handsome professional just ended long-term relationship. Have plenty of friends, want romantic interest. Prefer 25-35, butch, boy-next-door, short, HIV-, upbeat. Must send photo to: 2215-R Market St., #465, SF 94114.

Serious Dating

GWM, 33, 5'5", 130#. Interested in creating a long-term relationship. Not sure how to do that but willing to get to know some people to try. I have long hair, earrings, DM's, tie-die, goatee, hairy chest. I love to make films, socialize, drink coffee. You: around my age, slim, interested in exploration, learning to relate and monogamy. Your photo gets mine. Photo returned upon request. Reply BT Box AG72A or call ★★8571.

To Grow Together

GWM, 56, wants to meet a man for a LTR—someone who is in his late-40s to late-50s, fit, healthy, handsome (by your own measure), and successful in life (by your own measure). I've been in two significant relationships in my life and know that sharing one's life is better than being alone. My nature is as above and quiet and intense. No sex initially. I want it to develop from the relationship. Reply BT Box AG73A or call ★★8572.

Men Seeking Young Men In Santa Rosa

Two middle-50s seek younger or same for safe encounters in the Wine Country. Must have own transportation, must be real and honest... Take it off and get down to it. We are not Greek gods, but we are real country folk... HIV- seek HIV-. Write: Two Dudes, PO Box 282, Fulton 95439 or call ★★8573.

Traveling Houseboy

Adventurous & distinguished South Bay GWM, red-blond, blue eyes, 6'2", late-30s, seeks young, average to good-looking, sexually versatile young gay male, 18-23, as live-in traveling companion. Background unimportant. Prefer one who is HIV-, but will consider one who is HIV+. This is not an offer of financial support. Send letter and photo to PO Box 26252, San Jose 95159-6252.

Looking For A Prince

I've kissed a lot of handsome toads, now I'm looking for a prince. I'm 42, 6', 180 lbs., HIV-, brown hair and eyes that change color from time to time. I love books, cats, hiking, cooking, travel and long walks over the hills in a bracing wind. If you're 35-45 (more or less), have lots of interests, and want a prince to share your throne, call ★★8574.

Husky-Hot-Horny

GWM, good-looking, healthy, seeks daytime recreational sex, 270+ lbs., 6'1", late 40s, 46" waist, like all ages, races and sizes! Love sitting around naked watching porno—very oral, will experiment, WS. Write and let's get naked as soon as we meet and see what comes up! PO Box 31754, SF 94131.

3-Way Sex Adventure

2 hot, masculine studs, 29, 6'5", 195 lbs., brn/grn and 35, 6', 170 lbs., brn/grn, seek athletic, uninhibited sex from horny young guys, 20-35. No commitments, just lots of cum-squirting sex! Send photo, number to PO Box 606, Redwood City 94064.

Very Handsome Mexican Seeks Caucasian Yuppie!

Being yuppie isn't a prerequisite. I just think they're sexy. Anyway... this 22, 5'11", blk/brn, smooth and slim GHM WLTM GM who's straight-acting, very attractive, over 5'9", in-shape, honest, relationship-minded, under 36, somewhat aggressive. Giants fan, with a full head of hair, positive outlook, and great smile. I believe in physical attraction, commitment, love and dreams that can someday come true. My turn-ons include trucks, baseball hats and Will Clark. Give me a call and let's try to turn forever into a reality... Cool! Call ★★8575.

Handsome And Manly

5'10", 170#, 30, br/grn, short beard, smooth, fit, educated, musical, affectionate, gutsy, honest, open, communicative, gentle, trustworthy, caring and lovable, with sense of humor and marvelous friends, looking for another man to spend some enjoyable time with. Open to seeing a relationship develop gently. Looking for good-looking GWM with facial hair, reasonable weight, nonsmoker, 30-50, with same personal values. Prefer (not require) blond, hairy. Interests: science, music, personal growth, CW, reading, outdoors, fun and peace. Russian River area. Call ★★8576.

Interested In Intimacy?

GWM, 165#, 6', br/bl, HIV-, moustache, early-40s, professional, stable, sexually versatile, good sense of humor, seeks young to middle-aged man capable of intimacy/honesty. Varied interests: intellectual, cultural, quiet evenings at home, outdoors, travel, fiction, fun times and good sex. You: nonsmoker, HIV-, affectionate, positive energy, nice/good-looking, no specific stereotype. Let's talk if the timing is right for you. Reply BT Box AG74A or call ★★8577.

Bikinis, G-Strings, Thongs

I live to wear my bikini. I need friends who can appreciate and share my passon for skimpy swimsuits. Come with me. Let's enjoy the thrill of the scantiest bikinis and tan lines. Let me share my collection with you. I hope you have a collection to share with me too. SWM, 35, 6'2", 165, long hair, beard. Let's go to the beach, lake, river or pool and catch a few rays. Call ★★8578.

So, Give A Call Already!

Warm, spirited, intelligent, cute, physically fit, Jewish WM, 37, 5'6", 140 lbs., HIV-, br/bl, seeks an HIV-, self-aware, warm, evolved mensch with intelligence and chutzpah for sharing, laughing, touch and togetherness. Call ★★8579.

Horny Couple

Seeking sex buddies. GWM long-term professional couple seeks regular sex with couple or hot bottom boy. We're early-40s, bear and leatherman, both well-endowed. Wide interests include Gr to S/M. Tell us your needs. Reply BT Box AG75A.

Nice Jewish Boy—Gives Good Head

Intelligent, successful, well-hung (it's worth noting, OK?), 36, 5'9", 140#, in-shape, more cute than handsome, balding, brown/green, seeks responsible, fun, nonsmoking grown-up under 40 for relationship. We'd enjoy the outdoors, life on the Peninsula and in SF, exercise, culture, reading and friends; have a sense of humor about life, be passionate about our work, the world and each other. We can communicate and work things out, and aren't afraid of commitment; together we could be more than we are by ourselves. Please write, photo appreciated (Xerox OK). Reply BT Box AG76A.

Couple Needs Dad

Seeking mature experienced dad. GWM professional couple, early-40s, one bear and other into leather, looking for skilled trainer on regular basis. Wide interests from J/O to serious S/M. Eager to learn. You've got the experience; send us the orders with a detailed response w/photo. Reply BT Box AG77A.

Some Say You're Goofy

'Cause you laugh a lot. I think your humor, intelligence and modesty make you a prince. Kind of like me, though I'm more nerdy than goofy. I love old books and strange foods. I hate housework. I have great friends, but there's something missing. Your handsome company, maybe. I'm 40, 5'9", 145#, bald, furry chest, Jewish, cleanshaven, HIV-. I go wobbly for gentle, cleanshaven guys who hold hands at the movies and kiss so they feel it in Tuscaloosa. Reply BT Box AG78A or call ★★8580.

Rogaine Refusenik

51-year-old GM, slim, with prostate pressure, seeks younger gay men for friendship, possible relationship. I like men who are optimistic, easy-going, domestic, fit, health-conscious, rational, unconventional, energetic, horny, nonsmoking, and not into bars, attitude, the 12-steps, or unemployment. I'm a good listener, verbal, career-oriented, HIV-, with crazy sense of humor, and like self-development, skepticism, writing, psychology, exercise, art deco, ballet, cats, opera and plants. Boxholder, PO Box 14523, SF 94114 or call ★★8581.

Bodybuilder Couple Seeks Third

Bodybuilder duo, ages 29 and 31, both hunky, dark and handsome, with competition caliber physiques, both well-hung and healthy, seek third in-shape stud, age 21-35, with a very well-built body and creative mind, for fun times. You should be healthy, uninhibited, and love to worship big dick and get your butt serviced by two of the hottest topmen around. Or, if you're new to the gay scene and/or just like watching two big hot men making passionate love, we're exhibitionists at heart and would enjoy showing off for you. Interested in either scenario? Send photo/phone to BT Box AG79A or call ★★8582.

Sophisticated Gentleman

Who values the good things in life: fine food, great wine, romance and sex; all things Italian, decency and kindness, movies, opera, ballet, my home and garden, Gershwin and Porter, compassion and caring, Venice, Fred Astaire, Preston Sturgess, tenderness and affection, the absurd, sharing—both the highs and lows, Callas, Fellini, an open mind, etc., etc. Me: 52 (don't look it), 5'8", 145 lbs., not a Castro Street beauty, but won't crack any mirrors, either; wry sense of humor. You: 42-52, weight proportionate, not too hairy, NS, ND, no obsessions. Don't take yourself too seriously—life's too short. I'm not looking for a carbon copy, but if you think there might be a hint of chemistry, let's get together. Reply BT Box AG80A or call ★★8583.

Looking For Friends To Share...

Hiking, classical music, movies, theater, books, travel, quiet dinners and good conversations with GWM retired professor who hasn't forgotten or regretted the '60s. I'm active, healthy, tall, bespectacled, and with somewhat long hair. You are a somewhat younger (in attitude at least) GWM who might also be interested in parapsychology and other frontier sciences, Jungian psychology and non-Western kinds of spirituality. Let's meet for coffee and see what we might share. Please write to BT Box AG81A.

Armchair Radical And Intellectual Dilletante

Unpretentious international businessman loves to discuss literature, philosophy and politics while hiking in the hills, drinking beer to the sounds of live music, or having energetic and versatile sex anywhere and everywhere. People wonder why I'm gay given my utter failure as a cook, housekeeper and fashion plate. Am looking for someone to domesticate me without dampening my passion for travel, foreign cultures and the exotic and unknown. I'm an attractive GWM, 6'1", 40, 180 lbs., smooth, with brn/green. If you're an at-

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SF WEAR A SMILE: GWM, 37, 6'1, 170lbs, blond/blue, seeking men 28-45, call me!! ☎ 6016

Martinez **ALOTTA LOVE TO OFFER:** 36, tall, blond, looking for hispanic male for dinner/movies/& LTR (30-40) ☎ 6033

SF ALL AMERICAN LOOKS: clean cut, 30s, 6'3, 190lbs, attrac, blue eyes, new to area, desire smooth, clean cut, tall guy to meet. ☎ 2931

Berkeley **OOOOH.. LA LA! 25 YR OLD** French student, very cute, brw hair, looking for other guys to party with -Oui? ☎ 3605

Fremont **LET'S GET TOGETHER** for a reasonably good time. ☎ 4038

SF **BI-CURIOUS:** WM, 6'1, 205lbs, proportionate, dark blond, blue eyes, bearded, looking for bi-curious 25-50, ☎ 5493

SF **HIKING BUFF:** 25, 5'10, 185lbs, wrestler's build, clean shaven, smooth, dark hair, blue eyes, looking for masc. guy into hiking, (prefer young looking blonds). ☎ 5560

SF **East Bay: BIG FEET WANTED!** leave msg if under 30 & have big feet. ☎ 6160

SF **36, GWM,** attrac. , 5'10, 160lbs, med build, stached, brw hair, seeking guy for safe times ☎ 6164

SF **WHY NOT?** 32 yr old, 5'8, 140lbs, goodlookin' guy ISO other gay guys who like to have fun. ☎ 6197

Redwood City **BIG GOLDEN BEAR:** seeks same or admirers, I like to have lots of fun, hope you call, (older men welcome). ☎ 6218

SF **HONEST & ATTRAC.** 39, 6'2, 170lbs, goatee, x-midwesterner, into plays, music, movies, symphony, looking for romantic, caring, honest, & quiet evenings at home type, (any race or age ok) ☎ 6229

Stockton **VERY HAIRY:** would like to hear from other extremely hairy guys! ☎ 2809

San Jose **FRIENDSHIP AND OR REL.** wanted: 25 yr old prof. looking to date prof. men 25-35, if interested leave name in box. ☎ 3151

Santa Cruz **GOODLOOKING 24 YR OLD NEEDS AMATEUR TOUR GUIDE:** just moved here & need someone sincere to show me around, tour me, respect me, let's explore Santa Cruz together. ☎ 3318

Santa Cruz 5'8, 150lbs, 27, **X-ORANGE COUNTY, INTO READING, SURFING,** being outdoors, into musc. masc. guys, ready to have a good time w/right one. ☎ 5122

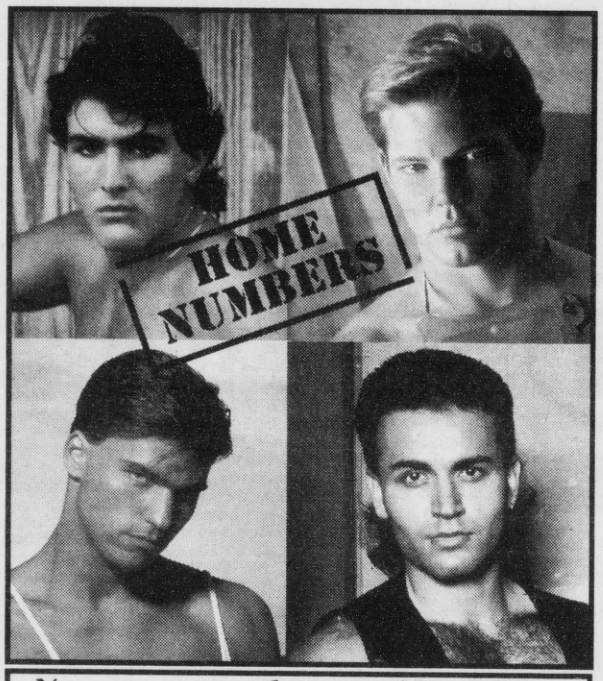
San Jose **HISPANIC &** Inexperienced, 21, black hair, into dancing, looking for clean shaven, non-smoking guy. ☎ 6099

San Jose **LIL' "TLC"** Young smooth, sub. bttm, looking for dom. daddy type 50+ yrs., like movies, home evenings, outing. ☎ 6161

Alameda **NOT TO BUTCH, NOT TO EFFEMINATE:** attrac. 37, 5'6, 185lbs, into honesty. If your honest, sincere and not into games call. ☎ 5416

San Jose **WHO SAYS THREE'S A CROWD?** We are two great looking hispanic/white guys, hairy chested, seekin other real men in the area.(gym-toned A+) ☎3714

San Jose **YES! I KNOW WHAT I LIKE:** I value men who are strong & dominating. (can be very attentive for right one.) ☎5127



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San Jose **DAYS FREE?** I'm a 35 yr old, married, blond/blue eyed, seeking men who enjoy life betwn 40-60. ☎5380

San Jose **VERY FIRST TIME** for this **30 YR OLD** WM, share my fantasy, I'm ready to play & may have my 1st experience w/you —call. ☎5557

Merced **CENTRAL VALLEY AREA:** 5'11, 145lbs, if interested & willing to travel, pleasant adventure awaits, so call. ☎5751

San Jose **YOUNG LATINO SEEKS OLDER LATINO** seeking older latino or asian male for good times. (expecting big things from this ad) ☎3220

Tracy **HEY NINETEEN:** 19 yr old new to scene looking for friendship or whatever comes our way. ☎1905

Santa Clara **HOLA:** 36, yr old hispanic (look younger do to working out) 5'9, 150lbs, looking to meet white or asian guys socially. ☎2374

SF INTO MILITARY HAIRCUTS? BM, 5'11, good looking, 32, seeks other guys in short hair. ☎3570

SF MY NAME IS THUNDER: I love latino men. I like biking, I'm a toned 5'10, 30, 150lb blond, into sincere guys (not games) —ask for Thunder. ☎3669

SF **NO STRINGS:** 31 yr old, seeking same aged, slim, goodlooking for no strings fun & whatever follows. ☎5355

SF **EXTREMELY NICE:** 19 yr old, 5'8, red hair, 210lbs, let's share the magic of the theatre, musicals, opera, new age music, drama, poetry, writing, & long walks. I'm very interested in your desires. (serious only) ☎5556

San Francisco **EXAMINE THIS:** 50 yr old, GWM, seeking gay medical student for get togethers. ☎2086

San Francisco **NOE VALLEY:** 27, tall trim, clean cut, seeking clean cut fit tp guys for playful times. ☎2650

SF **WIND ME UP:** 26 yr old, btm, seeking action oriented tps for summer blast. ☎2703

SF **ARE YOU AN EXPERT?** at back rubs, cuddling and or/sharing yourself? If so, give a call for someone also into caring & sharing life's little pleasures. ☎5699

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Bring The Kids!!!

Sunday afternoon? I'd rather take kids to the zoo or a Giants game than hang out at the Eagle. Visiting my nieces in L.A. makes me envy my sister, and folks say I'd make a great dad. I'm good at cooking family meals and helping with homework, and after the kids are all asleep it's daddy's turn to play! I'm handsome, healthy, stable, hard-working, religious, with a strong sense of loyalty, humor and whimsy. But I'm no Ward Cleaver! My politics are closer to Dorothy Day and the Berrigans than the Pope, and the kids don't need to know about my very special toy box. Building a relationship takes great care, hard work and planning; all the more so with kids involved. If you're a single father who would like to share the work and the joys; if you want to hug and kiss someone your own age, someone who might tuck you into bed for a change; if you're reasonably attractive, educated and progressive I'll pay for the sitter on our first date. Letter and photo to BT Box AG82A or call ★★8587.

Different/Depth

Most of these ads seem the same, but this one is different and this is how our life should be. Call me! I'm tired of the ad process and of bars. I'm 52 y.o., HIV+, who wants a friend for in-depth relating, traveling, all cultural things, fitness, walking, hiking and cooking. This could be fun. Call ★★8588.

Positive Positive Positive

Bad virus. Good attitude. Firm opinions. Strong, handsome, healthy, three-piece office type by day, leatherman by night; 38, 5'11", 180#, w/red hair/beard, blue eyes, NS/ND, mostly top, seeks furry, mature, libidinous pervert to share life's pleasures. I find sex easily, am looking for ongoing affection and possible commitment. Aside from lots of fucking, kissing, titplay, perineophagy and explorative S/M, I enjoy opera, R.C. mass, reading, cooking, and movies on the VCR. Adventure is more exciting than similarity, so we may overlap or contrast in any number of ways. Send letter & photo to BT Box AG83A or call ★★8589.

"Just To Be Close To You"

Very handsome GAM, 29 yrs. old, 5'8", 140 lbs., blk/brn, versatile, looking for safe sex buddies between 18-40, HIV-, race unimportant. Photo gets immediate reply. Interests: music, arts, theater, classic movies, biking, just to name a few. Reply to J.R., PO Box 6351, Concord 94520. Bi & married dudes, come on, respond, "you won't be sorry." Call ★★8590.

Relationship!

Attractive, professional, HIV+, very healthy & high energy, comfortable, assertive GWM available to share an already fulfilling life. The passions of my life (thus far) are: my home as a sanctuary, a deeply satisfying career, loving and supportive friends and family, working out at the gym, experiencing comfort in both gregarious as well as alone situations, hiking, bargain hunting, flea markets, horseback riding, theater, travel, plants, quiet evenings at home enjoying thoughtfully prepared meals in a romantic and delightful atmosphere, and appreciating the sense of spirituality and joy of being a very positive HIV+ person who continues to deeply enjoy life. Physically, I'm 5'7" tall, 155 lbs., sparkling blue eyes, curly brown hair, moustache, dimples, and frequently smile as I realize that my 50 years on this planet have blessed me with a most youthful appearance, joy, health and wonderment. If you also take good care of your health and body, are emotionally stable, consider yourself physically attractive, intellectually challenge yourself, are not HIV+ phobic, are able to give as well as receive, wanting yet not needing me, and are interested in exploring the possibilities of a wonderful man such as myself in your life, call ★★8591.

Queer, Tats, Rings

Queer boy, 23, just returned to SF after long absence. Seeking boy for quasi-relationship, good friendship, and non-monogamous sex. Am tattooed and pierced, many interests, spiritual and clean/sober, but not 12-stepper. Basically, I'm a dyke trapped in a fag's body. I want someone I care about and can talk to, but no boundaries of monogamy. Oh, I'm good-looking too. No drugs, be real with me. Call ★★8592.

Friendship

Hello, I'm a very good-looking Latin who is healthy HIV+, 32, 5'8", 150, and very muscular. I'm looking for new friendships with people of all kinds. I'm very much into the gym, spirituality, very healthy eating, no drugs, alcohol, cigs or pot; I like talks on spirituality, movies, meals at home, travel, theater, nature, animals, etc. You're very much into the same stuff, between age 21-40. Call ★★8593.

One Step Beyond

This man, 37, values affection, thoughts, expression; submission, smells, aggression; tastes, perceptions, touch, being serious, silly and such. Talents and interests from which I derive a vision: life's beauty, recreated in stride with you, your expression embraced, not to hide, or disgrace; curious, confirmed; send me a letter and photo (returned). Reply BT Box AG84A or call ★★8594.

Are You A Regular Guy?

More top than bottom, very masculine, maybe an athlete, 28-45, strong personality—dominant personality. Me: more bottom than top, 41, muscular, intelligent. Let's have a cup of coffee and see if the chemistry is right. Call ★★8595.

My Hot Black Playmate

Wants to suck you in front of me. He'll then take care of me after you shoot and leave. Weekdays/evenings only. Be fit, HIV-, preferably very hairy and oral passive. I'm 38, white, gdlkg, fit, always looking for hot mouth on submissive Black man. Masculine, HIV- only. Play with us or me alone. Safe fun. No hassles. PO Box 3271, Daly City 94015 or call ★★8596.

SWM, Looking For...

I am active, bold, loud and out there; 32 yrs. old, 6'1", blond/green, 150 lbs., HIV+, healthy, started working out one month ago and still have all ten of my nails. Non-drinker/drugger (smoker). You must only be available, sincere and a whole person who is secure in yourself. Other than this I do not believe in restrictions in a person. Call ★★8597.

Brown Bear Bottom Summer

This 6', 250 lb., HIV- BM wants to spend his summer days with an aggressive top for safe summer pleasure. You: tall & thin or big & tall GWM; we can spend the days or nights together. Serious callers only. NS, ND. Call ★★8598 or write PO Box 5441, Oakland 94605.

Tops Wanted

To qualify you must be: healthy, hot, sensual, masculine, enjoy "topping," nonsmoker, N/D, light drinker OK, tall (above 5'8") and between 35-50 y.o. Required to service GAM who is HIV-, 40 y.o., 5'8", smooth, cleanshaven, and down-to-earth. Prefer SF and seeking regular encounter. Call ★★8599.

Desire To Submit And Obey

Would you like an intelligent, masculine Asian, 20s, HIV-, with clean-cut good looks, great smooth body, to totally control, tie up, use/humiliate in every way, force-feed, repeatedly rape, spank/whip/stretch his ass, share/keep all to yourself? You are under 40, intelligent, attractive, in-shape, extremely demanding, unrelenting, insatiable, with truly wild imagination (BD, SM, toys, CBT, WS, etc.). No limits, just yours. Safer sex. Call ★★8600.

Bodybuilder Backpacker

Haul-ass muscle stud, 6'1", 200 lbs., masculine and real good-looking, seeks similar for summer high Sierra camping trip. I know some awesome remote wilderness canyons where two guys can get off alone together, enjoy virgin nature, roaring campfires, and mutual animal sexual attraction! I'm as cerebral as I am physical, and passionate about life. Et tu, brute?! Call ★★8601.

First Time

GWM, 51, 5'10", 165, HIV-, self-employed, financially secure, seeks younger M to share life with. Interests include laughter, travel, reading, dining out, movies and quiet times together. You should be under 40, HIV-, attracted to older men. Reply BT Box AG85A or call ★★8602.

Long Hair And Pecs

... jumpstart my libido (so I've cultivated them both). Comfortable in environments other than consensus reality, conformity, or anywhere near a TV set, I'm involved with social activism, Jung, serious astrology, and I converse passionately about almost anything. Hardly cute. I'm impressive-looking: 6'2", 168#, agreeably gymmed, 52 and considerately top-ish. If you're somewhat younger, thin or muscular, sorta an activist and/or nonconformist, with gentle but ardent sexual appetites; if you talk about your feelings and ideas, and handle material reality well; and especially if you have long hair and a mind to match—maybe we can share affection, reconstruct the universe, and have fun in bed. PO Box 170217, SF 94117 or call ★★8603.

A Charmed Life

Now in my early 40s, I live what is perhaps as charmed a life as I can imagine. Yet having known the value of a special relationship, I long to meet another GWM who feels likewise. Healthy (HIV-), fit, very masculine and attractive, you are these as well and you have the luxury of time and the inclination to share it. My interests are many and varied: I especially enjoy travel, fine food and wines. Although I reside in Sonoma County, I am interested in meeting men in SF as I am often there. If you are sincere and open to meeting me, call and hear more. Reply BT Box AG86A or call ★★8604.

Your Cock Is King

Let's get creative and sensual. You sit back and relax—guide me in long, slow sessions of wet & warm cock worship. I'll stop occasionally and tell you how great you are. We can think of other sensual activities as we go—dog collar? Watersports, body worship (kiss your ass for hours), humiliation? No reciprocation wanted, no pain. You: well-toned, sexy. Me: Latin, handsome, 34, eager. Reply BT Box AG87A or call ★★8605.

Nature Boy Seeks Another

We are adventurous, kind, intuitive, nature-loving, honest, free-thinking, and attitude-free. I am 28, 6'2", attractive and into interesting music, creative activity, the ocean/secluded beaches, and in-depth conversation. You are 18-30, cute, boyish and a genuinely nice guy of any ethnicity. Any elf-like aspect is a plus. I'm also looking for more friends. Please call if compatible. Call ★★8606.

Give It Up

Throw in the towel. You enjoy the submissive role so much you squirm, moan and squeal when this top takes over. I will be in charge. You will do as I say. All limits respected. If you get excited being tied up, spanked, kissed and more, tell me you need me. I'm 5'10", 157#, 32 years old, hot and looking for a guy who likes to give. Call ★★8607.

Help Me Get Started Again!

My long-term relationship just ended & I'm finding it difficult to socialize. I'm GWM, HIV+, 5'9", 155 lbs., br/br, in my 40s; I'm good-looking, very affectionate, extremely intelligent & an adventuresome romantic. I want to meet a GWM, or even a couple, with the same qualities, into movies, plays, social events & maybe sex! Call ★★8608.

I Want A Boyfriend!

Call 5th year QWM, 22, seeks compatible mate. I want a stable relationship to balance the rest of my life. Please be smart-as-hell, young in body but older in mind, don't be planning to leave the Bay Area in the next couple of years and be politically aware—let's lend our strength to the struggle together. Will be yours as long as you'll have me, especially if you understand what I mean when I tell you I look like a Young Republican and know it's the drag queen in me that likes to dress that way. Please be a sex radical; life's too short not to be honest with yourself and what your heart and cock desire. I'd love to explore and experiment with your wildest fantasies (and have you explore mine, of course) within the context of a stable relationship. I'm not saying that I'm non-monogamous. I'm saying I want a radically democratic and honestly chosen commitment. I'm not saying I'm monogamous, either. Plus if you're into women, at least to a degree (I have this thing about lesbians; too bad they don't have it about me—most of the time). Be working on your sexism. I'm not okay with being treated the way this culture tells men to treat women—nor am I okay with a relationship with a person who doesn't call me on it when I treat someone that way. Above all, be emotionally available. I'm ready for "it," you should be too. Call ★★8609.

Just A Regular Guy

I'm a solid, sensual, hairy, attractive and last-but-not-least honest WM. Looking for sensual pleasures and (gasp!) maybe even a friend. California native, very well-maintained late 30s, HIV-, bright smile, passionate eyes. Like me, you should have a nicely developed chest that likes lots of attention, love to kiss, weight in proportion to height, a good personality. Serious only, please. Call ★★8610.

Young Male Seeks Hot Papa

WM, 21, 150#, 5'8", smart, good-looking, outdoorsy, wants to meet nice, older, bigger, in-shape male, any race. I like beards, 'staches, hairiness, big balls, big dicks, uncut, cuddling, great head and great kissers. Attitude and personality most important. We are both FrA/P, healthy, honest & caring. Call ★★8611.

Handsome 40s Professional

GWM, 6', blue/gray, clean-cut, in-shape. Bright, energetic, independent. Healthy HIV+. Polished, direct but always charming. Quick to laugh but intense about things that matter. Adventurous and open. Classical to jazz—it moves me. Appreciate anything well-written, great conversation, the outdoors. Looking for a companion with intelligence, style, individuality and a sense of his own worth. Call ★★8612.

Do You Dig Talking Dirty & Listening?

Oakland male seeks guys with deep masculine voices and also sexy foreign accents who love to jack off and talk while drinking/smoking/partying at my place. Get into buddy-to-buddy cock worship. Not into top/bottom role-playing, shaved, videos, mirrors, couples. Must be available for a date, not silly phone chats. Age, looks, size unimportant. Long scenes encouraged. Call ★★8613.

Sound Like You?

Equal partnership of like/love for one another, mutual sharing of feelings/emotions, facing together life's ups and downs, comfortable compatibility in our sensual and safe sexual barefoot rubbing/arm embracing naked intimacy, rely on and respect for each other, and all sparkled with a sense of the humorous and inner sensitivity to cry is sincerely sought in a quality special friend by E.B. tan, trim, GWM, 5'10", hairy, 40s (inward/outward attractiveness). N/alcohol, N/D. East Bay men and others feeling as I, please respond. Reply BT Box AG88A or call ★★8614.

HIV+ Long-Term Survivor

Lonely workaholic seeking to break out from my self-imposed isolation and meet a mature man, my age (46) or older who has the same need to spend some time talking, laughing, sharing, caring. While sex is not my intent, touching & perhaps holding are if they flow. Me: WM, 165, moustache. You: hirsute, with some facial hair (preferably), and a need to connect. Let's talk. Call ★★8615.

Attention Daddy Bears!

Wanted: masculine, affectionate, mature, romantic stud. Be intelligent, gentle, versatile. Be hairy: beard, 'stache, chest. Be fun, sense of humor, adventuresome. Physically fit a+, NS, ND, spontaneous, wild, crazy... Me: warm, witty, outspoken, young bearcub, inexperienced yet eager to learn. Into arts and music; fun; easygoing. Let's get to know each other! Get the message... nuf said! Call ★★8616.

Slim Chinese Or Viet. Wanted

Warmhearted GWM, youthful 43, 6'2", 172 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, HIV-, counselor, seeks slim to skinny Asian, 20-33, for brother, boyfriend or lover. Prefer warmhearted nonsmoker, who exercises some and doesn't like bars. I'm affectionate and caring. Let me buy you lunch. Friendship first. PO Box 210202, SF 94121.

GWM Seeking GAM

Very good-looking, intelligent, well-educated and successful GWM, 26, 140, 5'10", seeks successful, career-oriented GAM between 23 and 30. Call ★★8617.

Saving All My Love For...

You. I am a GAM, 5'8", 141#, 29 y.o., HIV-, NS, ND, strikingly handsome, with good sense of humor, hot hard body, and best quality of boyfriend materials. Seeks a naturally 100% masculine GWM, HIV-, under 40, tall, handsome, romantic, humorous and in great shape. If you look forward to sharing your life with one significant other as much as I do, let's start with letter and photo exchange. PO Box 59-0953, SF 94159-0953 or call ★★8618.

Mr. Right...

... Seeking another Mr. Right, or at least Mr. Right Now. I'm a very happy, attractive and enthusiastic 43-year-old and I'm looking to meet an attractive younger guy, approximately 22-32, to enjoy San Francisco with. I love to explore the City, to walk, hike, cuddle, laugh, movie—go and do just about everything that's fun. Let's enjoy ourselves. My motto: Life is short; eat dessert first. Call ★★8619.

Friends?

Let's put away, if we can, the lover search mentality, and get into a mode where age, body size, sex, race and HIV status are irrelevant. (I'll say I am 46, however.) I want more and more diverse friends. People who need people, as it is said. I am slightly shy, reasonably intelligent and sometimes lonely. I like reading, conversation, some sports. So call/write! Reply BT Box AG89A or call ★★8620.

Normal

Are there any normal-type gays in SF? Someone who's not a raver, skinhead, political activist, or a femme? I'm a 33 y.o., 165 lb., 6', hazel/blk, tan, HIV-, who enjoys the outdoors, culture and being in-shape. If you're in your 20s and lead a semi-normal life—I'd like to hear from you. Call ★★8621.

Boy Toy Wanted

Good-looking, gym-toned, healthy, bisexual married guy wants boy toy to satisfy my playful sexy urges. You must be under 25, submissive (no S/M), healthy, gym-toned, smooth skin, bubble butt, very cute & eager to please & explore. Must have your own place and be available early eves & weekends. Photo gets fast reply. Reply BT Box AG90A or call ★★8622.

"Is This Seat Taken?"

It's so hard to meet quality people these days, and you look like someone I would like to meet. (Very good-looking Asian, athletic build, professional, 20s, 5'7", 142#; values integrity and strength of character. Enjoys karaoke, volleyball, inexpensive nights out, and more. I hope you're GWM under 35, HIV-, in good shape & honest...) If you need a new friend, I'd like to see you again. Call me if you want to talk. Call ★★8623.

Safe Scat Action

WM, 31, gets turned on by the sight, sound and smell of a masculine man as he squats, grunts, farts, pushes out a couple of big logs. Solid relief. Denim overalls to business suits, boxers, cigars, jockstraps, outdoor action/public restrooms. Call ★★8624.

Spiritual Nature

Handsome GWM, 41, 5'11", 175#. Passionate, caring, affectionate & spiritual (Eastern philosophy) seeks friendship and possible relationship with GWM, GAM or GLM from 30-45. I enjoy music (jazz, classical, rock), old movies, reading, barbecuing, cuddling, passionate kissing & safe sex, meditation, sharing feelings and philosophy. I am HIV-, stable, self-aware, assertive, but not into controlling people or situations. Please write with photo to BT Box AG91A or call ★★8625.

"Flashlight"

If you like the song (or any song in which it's been sampled), or are into hip hop, rap, house, dance, funk, jazz, blues, or soul, let's talk about going to clubs and shows together. I'm GWM, 27, friendly, dependable, attitude-free, good-looking. You are similar age (22-30), personality, interests, and believe fervently in one nation under a groove. Relationship is optional but welcome. Call ★★8626.

Deaf Love & Monogamous Relationship

GWM, 43, 180#, 5'8", lt brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, clean-cut, non-drinker, never use drugs, honest and affectionate; enjoy cooking, watch TV & movies, learning computer at home; travel, camping & hiking; relaxing on quiet evenings with someone; eating out with friends sometimes, seeking GWM, 35-45 years old, hairy chest, clean-cut, honest, gentle, never use drugs and light alcohol. If interested, please write me: Boxholder, PO Box 641142, SF 94164-1142.

Intellektual

Fugitive from the academy looking for true romance, will settle (evidently) for a good fuck. I'm 29, 5'7", 135, brown/green with an awesome, hard, defined body. I wanna hook up with an articulate, sexy, nice man in the 25-35 year range, any color, who's HIV-, like me. It's a big fat plus if you're harboring some ideals in that pretty head of yours. Call ★★8627.

Open To Changes

Thoughtful, intellectually curious, polyglot, compassionate, socially committed, sexually open-minded, good listener, foreign graduate student (29, 5'7", 138, brown/hazel, cleanshaven, cute, fit) looking for friends for safe sex, coffee, movie-going. You are considerate, intelligent, mature, non-mainstream, attractive, 20-35, cleanshaven, under 6', in-shape. After a long pause, also exploring the possibility of trying something else with the right person. Call ★★8628.

Good Spanking Fun!

Good-looking, smart Asian, 20s, HIV-, great smooth body, wants you to lay him over your (and/or a friend's) lap(s) and give him a good, hard spanking to remember! Hand, paddle, belt, strap, hairbrush! Be creative. Then perhaps teach me the facts of life (lots to learn). And if I don't get the lesson right, spank me some more until I get it right. Get the picture? Call ★★8629.

In-A-Decent Proposal

We receive feelings. I am a young (18 years), sophisticated individual seeking a LTR; an actual real relationship, two boyfriends, not one night. I am a romantic, desiring to hold another man, 18-25 years old. I know what I want and I am looking for a companion, not a "teacher" into the gay lifestyle—I give out no apples. I am young, queer and proud! Take a chance, I have. Call ★★8630.

Looking For Romance

Me: Handsome, masculine, 40, 5'11", 178 lbs., HIV+, dark hair, moustache, with a well-built muscular body. I work out 5-6 days a week. Enjoy Madonna, Whitney, Clint, Garth, SF Giants, 49ers, romantic eves, movies, videos, dinner, cuddling. I can be romantic or trashy in bed. I am looking for a sensitive, well-built man (gym a must!) who is looking for a monogamous relationship. Call ★★8631.

East Bay Sex Buddy Wanted

This attached GWM, 31, 6'1", 195, brn/brn, masculine and in good shape needs male sex. If you are a GWM, under 30, in good shape and of sharp mind and live in the East Bay and would like to meet occasionally for some hot, safe sex from this hot top man, then drop me a line. Please be HIV-, discreet & sincere. Call ★★8632.

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Give Me A Reason

If all the men I've ever dated were the same why would I ever take a chance on you? Give me a reason. African-American gay male with time for one more try at a friendship/relationship. One kiss is just a kiss, but one from me may be the last one you'll ever want. I'm 36, 5'8", 145 lbs., attractive, HIV+, healthy and sane. Attracted to Hispanic and Asian gay men who are similar in age, etc. I like drives with the sunroof open, no particular destination in mind; popcorn with a movie in the VCR; Rush Limbaugh for a laff and you next to me on a rainy Sunday morning. Reply BT Box AG92A or call ★★8634.

Seeking Creative Intimacy

I value humor, honesty, integrity and I hope for monogamy. I am a GWM, 5'11", 180 lbs., HIV-, 45 years old; look 43½. I am a little shy, a lot committed to the ideas and people I value, and want a long-term relationship more than anything. I like plants, art, film, road trips, books, conversation, and liberal politics. I am looking for a like-minded, emotionally available, affectionate HIV- top, any race, over 35 for bed/lifemate. Reply BT Box AG93A or call ★★8635.

Fresh Butt Wanted

By a blue-eyed blond butt-slammer in 40s. I'm tall, beefy build and seek a guy 5'10" to 6'2", medium build, that will lie face down, call me filthy names and let me have all I want. Write: C.R., 751 Laurel St., #428, San Carlos 94070 or call ★★8636.

3-Way Fantasy Wanted

GWM—tall, dark & very handsome, 38 yrs. old, good shape, br/hzl, 6'5", 190 lbs., HIV-, seeks 3-way (this is a first) with attractive, well-built, well-hung, HIV-, committed couple, 25 to 35 yrs. old. Call me, you won't be disappointed. Call ★★8637.

Baby Boomer Seeks Asian

I'm a GWM, smooth body, 140 lbs., 40 and in-shape. Really, I'm looking for an affectionate guy, HIV-, who needs a friend. I can speak Chinese (Mandarin). If you like long walks in the park and other long things, please give me a call. Call ★★8638.

Kink-Focused Dad

Seeks straight-arrow "Financial District" type boy: 20s or 30s, slim, smooth, toned, tanned—suits/wingtips by day; sox, jox, dildoes, greased gloves, blindfolds, collars by night. You want caring Financial District dad: 48, 6'3", 185#, hairy chest, balding, wingtips, boxer shorts—to stretch/shape your fuckhole to the max. You sit in business conferences, knowing my tattoo's on your arm, my silver ring piercing your tit, riding the greased buttplug I shoved up your chute to remind you who's boss. You're totally available, HIV-, nonsmoking, seeking complete control in monogamous LTR. Call ★★8639.

Amaze Your Friends!

Surprise yourself, even! Take a short, older lover ... Me, for instance! You're cute to handsome, smart, stable, creative and romantic. I'm 5'6", 130, 46, HIV-, not bad looking, affectionate and honest. Although not buffed, wealthy or well-endowed—and you may be wondering why bother—I am caring, monogamous, passionate, attentive, empathetic, and a helluva friend. Perhaps you can have any man you see, but maybe I'm the one you need. A letter and a photo would be great. Reply BT Box AG94A or call ★★8640.

I Need An Asian Man In My Arms

Caucasian male, 38, 5'10", 155, blond, non-smoker, seeks smooth Asian man for arousing encounters. Please be 18-35, shorter than I am, and a nonsmoker. Write to: R., PO Box 470901, SF 94147. Photo appreciated; all letters answered.

Looking For A French Connection?

Well, I'm ready for an American one, as long as you have a little bit of European "sensibility." I am a French-born GWM, age 35, 5'11", 165 lbs., blk/br, very good-looking, HIV-, cleanshaven and have a great smile! Witty, sarcastic and always right, can you deal with that? But I'm also spontaneous, very romantic and sincere. I'm looking for someone 22-35 who is mature, intelligent, good-looking and cleanshaven. Let's talk and start as friends! Call ★★8641.

Gorgeous, Athletic, Exotic

Me: 5'8", 150 lbs., very muscular, healthy HIV+, tan, cleanshaven, dark hair, brown eyes, 29 years old. Into pumping iron, romance/monogamy/fidelity/trust, honesty, movies, healthy eating, travel, animal rights, spirituality, etc. Looking for someone the same, not into drugs, pot, cigs or alcohol, who has lots of time to spend building friendship/marriage. Easygoing, Middle Eastern, Caucasian or Latin a plus. Call ★★8642.

Redwood City J/O Buddy(ies)

I'm seeking gay or bisexual male(s) who, like myself, reside in Redwood City. I'm tired of having to go to San Francisco (or for that matter other cities) to satisfy my sexual needs. There must be other gay or bisexual male(s) that reside in my city that need or want a J/O partner. I want to get together with you over your place on the weekends to satisfy both our sexual needs. So, if you're like me, over 21, HIV-, and again a resident of Redwood City, contact PO Box 880, Redwood City 94064 for more information.

Young, Black And Hung?

GWM, 39, seeks 18-21-year-old Blacks—smooth, skinny and hung only; J/O and dirty talk; fuck my white mouth! Boxholder, 537 Jones St., #2096, SF 94102 or call ★★8643.

Gentle Bear

This 50something East Bay professional has plenty of friends, but seeks a long-term romantic relationship with a friendly and sincere HIV-buddy. We are both nice, bright guys with lots of indoor and outdoor interests to share. Would I date me? Yes. Call ★★8644.

Hot Mexican Man

Looking for a hot and big cock to fuck me two or three times a day. Safe sex. Call ★★8645.

Wrestling Club

Group of men interested in exploring the sensual, playful and sexual aspects of wrestling in a friendly, non-competitive environment need an equipped meeting place. We're into diverse wrestling fantasies... playful rough-housing, farmboy rasslin', professional TV-style, domination/submission, clothing optional (what's yours?) but need a mat space. Do you have one we can use? Care to join us? Write to 584 Castro St., #504, SF 94114.

Not Just Any Guys

You & I are seeking our soulmate. You: GAM. Me: GWM. Both fun-loving with diverse interests; warmhearted, self-assured, responsible & intelligent, healthy & in-shape. Good-looking, sexy, romantic & sensual. Me: youthful, late 30s, 5'10", 160, br/bl, clean-cut, masculine, NS/ND. You: compatible, healthy & in-shape, under 35, preferably smooth-skinned. Our relationship is a satisfying journey, rich with adventure & diversity. Join me & let's go exploring. Reply BT Box AG95A or call ★★8646.

Rumbling And Restless

For fun, friendship, sex and romance. A boyfriend can provide all four (and if he calls—great), but I hope to enjoy your company if you can share three, two or even one of these. I enjoy new experiences, ideas, people and adventures. I have an easygoing friendly style and humorous outlook on life. I am GAM, 27, gym-toned 120 lbs., cute, healthy, have many interests, and am professionally oriented. You are exciting to be with, intellectually passionate (not fanatical), sensuously assertive, 20-30ish, unpretentious, NS/light drinker, and truly attractive and fit. Call ★★8647.

I Have A Bear Magazine Look

GWM, 38. I'm hairy, husky, balding, with moustache. I seek guy 20 to 30 for possible relationship, who has attractive, boyish looks, good sense of humor & doesn't hang out in bars. I enjoy bicycling, walks, sci fi, films, nature, romance & safe versatile sex. I'm 5'10", 190 lbs., brown hair & eyes. Call ★★8648.

Hear My Heartbeat...

Selective, well-educated, handsome, professional Italian GWM, 27, tanned, 5'8", 150, very athletic, masculine, sensitive. High morals and principles, heart of gold, intelligent, magnetic personality, friendly; someone friends look up to. Love good people, friends, conversation, music, nature, films, culture, laughing and places. Looking for GWM, 20 to 35, muscular, very handsome, masculine, stable, well-educated, sensitive, passionate, sense of humor for possible monogamous relationship. Call ★★8649.

A Magical Dragon Prince

Early 20s, 5'3" tall, weigh 115 lbs., with short dark hair, brown eyes; a fair smooth skin and a slim, toned body; my Spanish/Chinese/Filipino roots have blessed me with attractive youthful features. A hopeless romantic, insecure & of good heart. I'm independent yet conscious of my need for interdependence. I have a passion for many things/activities, great & small. I love the symphony, ballet, gymnastics, theater, arts, good food, poetry, nature (the redwoods, the ocean), sailing, candlelight dinners, making love & afternoon walks on the beach. Unfortunately, my human frailty limits my taste to handsome, physically fit, HIV-, honest, stable, sensitive & affectionate, emotionally available GWM. Age unimportant (who knows? I must have been born a little late.) Send photo if possible (returned/exchanged) to: N.J., 537 Jones St., #2234, SF 94102 or call ★★8650.

Charisma, The Cards Of Fate & Star Magic

Are the reasons for running this ad. I am a tall Southern GWM, a night person, smoker, social cocktails, HIV-, non-bodybuilder, diverse background and interests, 'stache, glasses, strong character (the type books are written about), drug-free, am looking for GWM, HIV-, drug-free, with wit & character, who enjoys people, festive outings, can deal with smokes and cocktails. Would like a night person who is born in either 1938, 1939, 1943, 1951, 1950, 1955. Write Box 107, 564 Mission St., SF 94105 or call ★★8651.

Waiting For You

Looking for a (30s to 40s) handsome American male who is aggressive, well-educated, nice, caring, monogamous, etc., for a possible lifemate. Me: attractive Latino (light-skinned), 30 y.o., 6'1", 185 lbs., sophisticated somehow, into cuddling and much more! (NS, ND.) Call ★★8652.

Good Chemistry

I'm 6', 195#, 56, smooth, well-built (not buff), gray-blond hair and moustache, intelligent, attractive, emotionally open, sexually oral and top, professionally successful, enjoy the arts/life/nature, find the spiritual in the beautiful, HIV-, alcohol-, smoke-, drug-free. Other specific characteristics are less important than good chemistry. Call ★★8653.

Laws Of Attraction

Make me do a double-take and want to see more. Buy me a drink, ask me to dance. I'm looking for a man who can take charge of the situation. Don't be afraid to tell me what you want! You are attractive, 23-40, in good shape and proportion and know how to have fun. Me: GBM, 25, 5'9", 155, HIV-, handsome, educated, versatile and in shape. Guys with motorcycles are a definite plus! Call ★★8654.

Panda Bear Seeking Polar Bear

And let's start our family. I am a GAM, 30, 6'2", 200#, black/brown with somewhat hairy chest, legs and back. I enjoy travel, reading, dining out, theater/opera going. (Am a true Broadway musical fan!) And, most important of all, I enjoy having you in my life and would like to share the rest and best of life with you. Yes, only you. You should be a sincere GWM, 35-45, (it's okay if you are a little younger or older), about my size, hairy and a nonsmoker/drug user, non- or light-drinker. We dream and desire a steamy, long-term, monogamous relationship based on love, trust, loyalty and will make it work. We both understand how much this relationship will mean to us and will do our best to make it work. We both believe as long as we are together, we are the luckiest and happiest couple in the world. Sounds like us? Yes I know you are there somewhere. Please help me find you. Only you know how much I need your love and you need mine too. Come on, we bears need hugs and kisses. Reply BT Box AG96A or call ★★8655.

Mr. No Nonsense

Me: GBM, 30 y.o., 6', 245, bearded, hairy chest, HIV-, nonsmoker, non-drug user, looking for a GWM, between 25-45, for a physical (sexual) relationship only. Prefer oral (active & passive) sex, but willing to try more if the chemistry is right. Call ★★8656.

Oakland Midnight Rambler Now Starting 10 PM

I am attractive, hung, love long, drawn-out jerk off and dirty talk cock worship scenes while drinking, smoking, partying with other masculine buddies at my place (share party favors 50/50). Age, size, looks unimportant for me and should be for you. Must be into mutual giving/receiving attention, talking, stroking, partying, not be shaved, and not into videos. Call ★★8657.

Short And Fat

Doesn't mean I'm not worth loving. I'm great husband material: attractive, happy, loving, monogamous, NS, ND. Also, 30, Latino, bilingual, HIV-. Soon to graduate from UCD w/MA. Planning to return to Bay Area. Hoping to meet men (especially Latinos) interested in LTR and possible adoption. Musts: 30ish, NS, ND, HIV-, educated, emotionally stable/available, employed, gentle, monogamous, reciprocative, responsible, romantic. Photo? PO Box 72095, Davis 95617 or call ★★8658.

Is A Hairy, Hunky Bear

Of interest? Bear-lovers seem to find me attractive. I'm masc., stable, prof., honest, NS, with sense of humor/great smile; brown hair/eyes, gray beard, early 50s, 5'10", 195#, 7½", HIV-; drink little, in decent shape; enjoy touching, kissing, other forms of close body contact, music, baseball, theater. You're smaller, younger, masc., NS bear-lover. Call/write, tell me about you. Reply BT Box AG97A or call ★★8659.

WM Into Military Haircuts

Looking to meet a WM, longish hair, who needs a standard flat-top, crewcut, Marine high & tight or a full-on head shave. I'm a good-looking WM, 32, 6'2", 190 lbs., short brown hair, blue eyes, cleanshaven, who gets turned on by watching hot-looking guys get their hair shorn and then running my hands over your newly shorn stubble or gleaming head. Let me watch your long hair fall to the floor and show proper attention to your gleaming head. Call ★★8660.

Dessert Is On Me

GAM, 38, 135 lbs., professional, average looks but exceptional cookies seeking a man-friend for spirited conversation and long, romantic weekend retreats. Your interest in Buddhism and other spiritual paths a plus—a love of humor and good times a must. I was taught that the fastest way to a man's heart is through his stomach. I bake the best damn cookies in the world, let me share them with you. Write Boxholder, PO Box 14271, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★8661.

Athletic Nerds, Please?

Very high quality GWM, 44, 5'10", 155, seeks younger buddy, 20-30. Eros begins between the ears and then wanders. I like creative types with a strong personality to match mine. I appreciate weirdness, when it's genuine. Kinky is OK, too. People sometimes call me "Einstein" on the streets. However, my butt is much nicer than Einstein's. Call ★★8662.

Attractive Asian

Attractive, intelligent, athletic, successful and HIV-GAM, 29, 5'10", 150 lbs., seeks similar, HIV-, GWM between 25 & 35. It seems like most of the goals I've strived for are there now and I'm starting to look at the beginning of the rest of my life. Call me and let's see what happens. Call ★★8663.

Man Seeks Man

Good-looking masculine, blond/bl, 6'1", 180, athletic, 31-yr-old, vers/btm, medical student. Looking for dating/relationship with emotionally mature man, 25-45ish, who's solid & comfortable with himself. Interests: ocean, walks, mountains, snow, cooking, hot sex, clouds, evenings at home, arts, work-out, rain, cuddling, trust, lakes, HIV+, partnership, imagination, stars, optimism, romance, more sex & honesty. Lost life partner of ten years. Ready to share the future again. Photo pls (will return) to: M.S., PO Box 460921, SF 94146-0921 or call ★★8664.

Cute Guy Needs Date

Fun, outgoing, optimistic GWM, 25, 6'5", 190 lbs., bl/bl, into meeting new people, live music, skiing, hiking and other outdoor things, looking for similar smart, masculine, HIV- guy for dating or friendship, exploring the City. Pluses: athletic, community involved, spiritually-inclined, non-smokers, tennis players, ex-rowers. Call ★★8665.

East Bay Bear Seeks Same

Words cannot express feelings, but friendship and possible relationship can. GWM bear is 46, 6'3", 185, with loving smile, beard, HIV-. The Bay Area is worth exploring with someone with high energy, likes to walk and talk and search for fine food. Let's plan day's activity and enjoy each other's company. Don't stand in the cold, just call and make music! Call ★★8666.

Here I Am...

"Looking for that someone special to take me by the hand..." Romantic, OK-looking, HM (22 yrs. old, 5'11", 180, slightly bearded—but just a phase) seeks loving partnership with intellectual GWM/G Med. male, 25-36, who enjoys the outdoors, movies, music, sports, and is spontaneously adventurous at times. "... Take me and you will see moments of love and ecstasy." Call ★★8667.

Profesional Espanol, 56, Busca

Europeo, Latino, o Cubano pasivo, suave y refinado para amor. Spanish professional, 56, seeks passive European, Latin, or Cuban for love. Softness and refinement appreciated. Boxholder, PO Box 3464, Santa Cruz 95063.

In Marin

GWM, HIV-, 40 this year, short brown hair, hazel eyes, 170 lbs., 5'7", average to good looks, well-endowed top. Seeks other HIV- males in and around Bay Area who are kind and gentle, sincere and honest, and like to be touched. Reply BT Box AG98A or call ★★8668.

24 y.o. Cynic-Artist-Armchair Philosopher

Absentmindedly and rhetorically brave on a good day, peacefully spiritual on another good day, stubborn and hardheaded on another good day, open-minded populist on another good day. Bad days when I take myself too seriously or not enough. I like Perry Farrell, Bob Marley and anything we do. Am tall, kind and not ugly. Strangely quiet at times, smartass at others. OK?! Call ★★8669.

RU Ready 4ADVN2R?

This good-looking, outdoor-adventurous, athletic, masculine WM, 36, 5'10", slim, brn/brn, enjoys mountain biking, bicycle touring, camping, backpacking, x-c skiing, c-w dancing, and exploring California and the world. Lean, strong, healthy, NS, N/drugs, HIV-, with upbeat personality. Affectionate, versatile. Seeking similar athletic, outdoorsy, slim, active, masculine guy, 25-40, for best friendship and love. "Size" unimportant. Big heart is. Prefer N. Bay or SF. Call ★★8670.

Gay Skinheads

Another comment on this subject. I'm not a skinhead, but a daddy type in his 40s who used to know a young skinhead who liked to get tied up and played with. Besides being fun, I also remember his intelligence, honesty, and complete decency. There must be more skinheads like him. I would enjoy talking about gay skins with anyone who thinks of them positively. Call ★★8671.

I Like Ass

Teddy bear dad seeks bottom son. Attractive GWM, 43, 6'5", 280 lbs., looking for other attractive GWMs, 18-35, who have a slim build and nice buns. I want to look at, touch, squeeze, massage, tickle and probe a nice ass for an extended period of time. Light spanking will stimulate nerve endings, then on your knees for a long, safe ride. Call ★★8672.

It's About Time

Having been single long enough, I'm ready to give it a go again. We are masculine, honest, down-to-earth, good sense of humor, sports-minded, HIV+, slim build, good listener, sexually versatile, good kisser, cuddler, spiritual, NS, ND (light drinker OK), enjoy movies, theater, walks. I'm 40 y.o., br, br, moustache, 6', 170 lbs. You be 32-40, not into bar scene. Long hair, smooth a turn-on. Call ★★8673.

Tender, Sweet And Hot

Handsome sexy Latino male, 37 yrs. old, black hair, brown eyes, 5'10", 170 lbs., smooth, cute butt. Very healthy (HIV-). Into kissing, licking, cuddling, anal sex (give and take). Seeks drug-free white or Black men up to 40 for hot and tender lovemaking. Please no S/M. Please enclose phone number in reply. Reply BT Box AG99A.

Dating Material

GJM, 41, 6', 165 lbs., HIV-, trim, gym-toned, energetic, short cropped hair, cleanshaven, hazel eyes and a great smile. Romantic, versatile, affectionate, educated, well-traveled, sense of humor, non-drinker, love movies, theater, museums, dining in/out, quiet times at home, gardening, and financially stable. Wish to meet a financially secure man, 35-45, lean and toned, who shares some of the above interests and qualities. Not looking for a F/T commitment at this time or perfection. Should be skilled in communicating and enjoy sex as well as sleeping with another person. Chemistry is a must. Call ★★8674.

Don't Ask—Don't Tell

Don't ask me why I don't have a boyfriend... because I don't know! Fun, intelligent, young, cute guy, 5'8", 125#, bl/gr (Woody Harrelson without the muscles) seeks similar for dating, fun (clean? hee hee hee) and possible relationship. Must be young, outgoing, relationship-oriented type of person. If this sounds like you or someone you know, call me now! Call ★★8675.

Heaven Can Wait

Now I'm ready to meet a man I can share my life with. GWM, 33, 6', 180, br/gr, handsome, healthy positive professional seeks same, 30-40, for laughs, travel, sex and real life adventures. Am hoping to explore our desires, dreams & fears together. Let's see how close we can come to living on the edge without falling off. Call ★★8676.

Passionate Body And Soul, Moderate & Realistic Pride

Asian/Latin/all races: just friends or more serious Partner. Me: very casual & easygoing homebody, independent Christian/"A Higher Power," Twilight Zone, Van Gogh, Kafka, Kierkegaard, Christmas, Chaplin, Looney Toons, ethnic food, no heavy alcohol or drug dependency, light video, Kirk Cummings, music (Orbison, Sade, Mariah, Mahalia, jazz, etc.)... You: ? (P.S.: exterior, I'm WM, 32, 5'9", 155#, hairy, cleanshaven, "good-looking.") Reply to: J.S., PO Box 640041, SF 94109-0041. Letters preferred or call ★★8677.

If You Like To Watch, Be Watched

Maybe make a video of each other. Me: 39 y.o. short guy, 5'5", in good shape, hairy legs, ass, nice dick. You are any age, healthy, hairy below the waist. Reply: PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361 or call ★★8678.

Buds

All around pretty cool QAGuy seeks a funny, friendly, loyal bud for hangout adventures and stuff. I'm 30, good looks, workout build, lotsa laughs. Like dudes (25-35) with street smarts, cool bodies and a funky sense of everything. Matthew B. (DofH) look-alikes especially welcome; Matthew B. himself would be beyond awesome. Call ★★8679.

Down To It

Are you a redhead (orange, that is), or just your pubes? Do you have freckles, too? Wow! You're bright, creative, sexy, sincere, and clear-headed. I'm handsome, sometimes mistaken for Puerto Rican or Cuban, 37, 6', 190#, HIV-, black goatee, chestnut brown eyes. My mind, mouth and crotch are waiting. Send letter and photo (returned). Call ★★8680.

Muscular Leatherpig

Hot, hairy, handsome, mid-30s, into versatile WS, S/M, tit and assplay. 5'7", solid 175, with brown hair/moustache and blue/green eyes. Looking to tumble another muscular stud with similar proclivities. Healthy HIV+ body/sick mind. Other cerebral stats include incoherency in four

languages, piano proficiency for the hearing impaired, and a grade school diploma. Call ★★8681.

Little Guy—Big Cock?
You fit the saying that big surprises come in small packages; love showing off your big meat and enjoy the attention when guys admire that big dick on your little body. WM, late 40s, wants to worship your cock. Asians and Blacks a plus. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★8682.

Seeking A Friend And Maybe More!
If you are a masculine GM, 35-55, honest, HIV-, nonsmoker, light drinker, versatile but usually top, sensitive, tired of bar scene. I'm a very young 55, tall, handsome, tanned, cleanshaven, brown eyes and short hair. Enjoy music, movies, theater, cooking, dining out, Giants, A's, 49ers, travel, living in SF, loves of sex, hiking, walks, beaches, giving and getting massage, sense of humor, quiet romantic evenings with someone special! Don't be shy! Reply Box 321, 584 Castro, SF 94114 or call ★★8683.

Seeking Mature Asian Lover
GWM, 5'9", 130 lbs., 55, looks 45, attractive professional with a good heart is seeking a gay Asian male, 40 to 55, who wants a loving long-term relationship to share life's joys and divide life's burdens. I am very affectionate and I truly love Asian people. I have lots to offer if you are: slim, HIV-, very affectionate and want to love and be loved. Call ★★8684.

North Beach Nookie At Noon?
As the saying goes, I'm tired of reality and looking for a good fantasy... in this case, someone to play with during lunch hour. I'm avowedly oral, one of those no-job-too-large-too-small types, and never get complaints about my pharyngeal skills. So, if you're a 60-minute man and are looking for a primo BJ, leave a message. Thanks! Call ★★8685.

Young Man Seeks Younger Men
I'm 25, pierced, 8"x6", tattooed, 5'8", scarred, kinda femme, mostly bottom. You be younger, taller, hung bigger and more butch (hunger and butcher?). Call ★★8686.

Star Quality
With lots of pizazz, good looks, imagination. Am also very independent, not into clubs, ecstasy, superficial BS. Would like to meet natural, sweet, sexy stud (under 30) who's versatile to top with bedroom eyes, tender touch, and cute butt. Am very attractive WM with WASP background, Mediterranean looks and outlook on life (and hunky butt). Let's do photo exchange and take it from there. PO Box 20933, Oakland 94620.

Black Male
Preferred by WM, mid-50s, attractive, 6', 175#, HIV+, survivor, physically fit. Likes gym, theater, music, spiritual (not religious), affection, sex, outdoors, travel, alternative treatments. For friendship, or more, whatever the energies. Call ★★8687.

Passionate Nature Lover Seeks Life Mate
A romantic, shy, yet articulate homebody who lives alone and, like myself, is very sensitive, affectionate, sensual, playful, thoughtful, spiritual, communicative, open-minded and health-conscious. I'm 6'2", 175 lbs., muscular, lithe, hot, hairy, handsome, blue-eyed, goateed, very masculine and strong yet gentle and childlike. You: tight-bodied (a little pot OK), any height or age, youthful, handsome or boyishly cute, passionate kisser, cuddler, mostly top who really craves slow, sensual hot oral and rear action. Loners with glasses encouraged. Prefer Berkeley/SF areas. Call ★★8688.

Ideal Man—Over 50
Perfect companion (sex, warmth, respect & challenge) retired architect, 58, 6', 185 lbs., dk hair & eyes, HIV-, French desc., health-oriented (own gym) seeks masculine friend age 35-60 with high ideals & character. Write BT Box AG100A or call ★★8689. (No callback? Try me again.)

Tired Of Games
Young Latino male, 27, looking for GBM. Me: sincere, outgoing, open-minded—tired of bar scene. You: same. Call ★★8690.

Mutual Pleasure
This bearded bear in East Bay has talented mouth and hands. Looking for men who are equally talented for evenings at my place for mutual pleasure and satisfaction. Have good videos. Would like to share time, talents, place and pleasure. Call ★★8691.

Male-To-Male
Overweight male, 6'1", 280, would like to meet other males. I am Jewish/Italian, with dark black curly hair and a thick moustache. I am versatile sexually. I am hairy, especially legs, arms and chest. I am 38 years old. Interested in friends or ? I would like to meet others to age 50. Reply BT Box AG101A or call ★★8692.

Sometimes, Somebody Else Has To Be In Charge...
Me: Black male; hard-bodied, muscular, masculine, handsome, cleanshaven, intelligent, articulate, 5'10", 170, mid-30s, discreet. Cold, ambitious, opportunistic power addict who occasionally needs to be used, controlled and dominated by a smart, horny man. You: ferociously intelligent, aggressive, domineering, exacting, meticulous, hard-bodied, handsome, muscular, imaginative, rapacious, discreet; a bigger, stronger, tougher man who demands nothing less than complete obedience and total sexual servitude. Serious replies only. Reply BT Box AG102A.

There's A Place For Us
In each other's arms, minds and hearts. We have traditional values, liberal outlook, relationship-oriented but mature enough not to "fall in love with love." Both educated, traveled, bright, good-humored, eclectic interests. I'm GWM, 5'9", 160, Nordic blond, smoker, HIV+, healthy both physically and emotionally. You're probably a few years younger, a little shorter—or not. Both into long kisses, nipple play, affection. Let's pillow talk about the possibilities. Call ★★8693.

I Wanna Punk You Out
Calling all interested Black men—would you like to get with an aggressive, dominant white Top-man who'll work you over, on your knees, your back, your belly until you're gasping for breath and crying to Jesus? And afterwards, he turns out to be a really nice guy. Me: 32, 5'8", 160, brn/grn, moustache, hung. You: call! Call ★★8694.

Travel Companion Wanted
I frequently receive free cruises and sun vacations and I am seeking a travel companion. Call ★★8695 or write to: Boxholder, PO Box 1062, Daly City 94017-1062.

Honest And Sincere
Sincere, cleanshaven, GWM, 6 foot, 175 pounds, youthful 40s, brown/brown, average looks with good, gym-toned body (workout 4 times a week), HIV-, NS, ND, seeks similar for LTR. Interests include gym workouts, movies, dining out, spending quiet evenings at home with right man. Please be masculine, average looks or better, emotionally and financially stable, honest and seriously interested in monogamous long-term relationship. Call ★★8696.

Size-O-Philes Skip This Ad
As can rough lovers and those who cannot relax to a gentle touch, an easy, intense cum. My interests are the quick-comers and less-than-endowed who may be comfortable with my attention to their pleasure, and their attention to mine; someone with the sense to appreciate how safe and singularly satisfying a J/O relationship can be. GWM, beard, 180 lbs., 48, 5'8", hairy chest. Call ★★8697.

Dates & More
I'm a good-looking, open, fun GWM (38, HIV-) looking for attractive, sensitive guys (any race, 28-40, HIV-) to date & possibly share romance. I have varied interests, but a few particulars include seeing lots of movies, playing piano beautifully, speaking Chinese & giving a great massage. I'm not looking for a carbon copy, but honesty, warmth & a sense of humor are musts. Call ★★8698.

Tall(ish), Dark, Handsome And Verbal?
28-year-old WM, product designer/engineer, lean, way tall, black hair, brown eyes, HIV-, sexually versatile, loves to dance, values honesty and responsibility, and loves thunderstorms, seeks a slightly adventurous Asian, Latino or white man, 24-34, who's had some relationship experience, and is bright, creative, talkative, probably over 5'10", lean, active, fit, and out, to hold hands with in Safeway (someday). Call ★★8699.

I'm Waiting For You
39, WGM, die-hard romantic. Life is beautiful, sharing with one you love and care for. Special little cards & notes, cuddling and falling asleep in each other's arms. Watch the sunset, then have a quiet evening at home. Being honest & being together is what life is all about. Me: 6'2", 176, BB, short cut stylish beard. Let's meet, hold hands & share our souls. Friends say I'm attractive; race/age not important. Be honest and want to enjoy our lives together. Reply PO Box 640813, SF 94164 or call ★★8700.

Stop! Read, Call Me
GWM, 25, 5'10", gr/br, 167 lbs., good-looking, German-Italian who is straight-acting and enjoys sports, movies, music, dancing, taking walks, kissing and cuddling. I am affectionate and expect the same. Looking for someone who is a GWM, 20-30, muscular or swimmer's build, has basically the same interests. If you want a monogamous, straight-acting man who'll make you happy in many ways, call me. Call ★★8701.

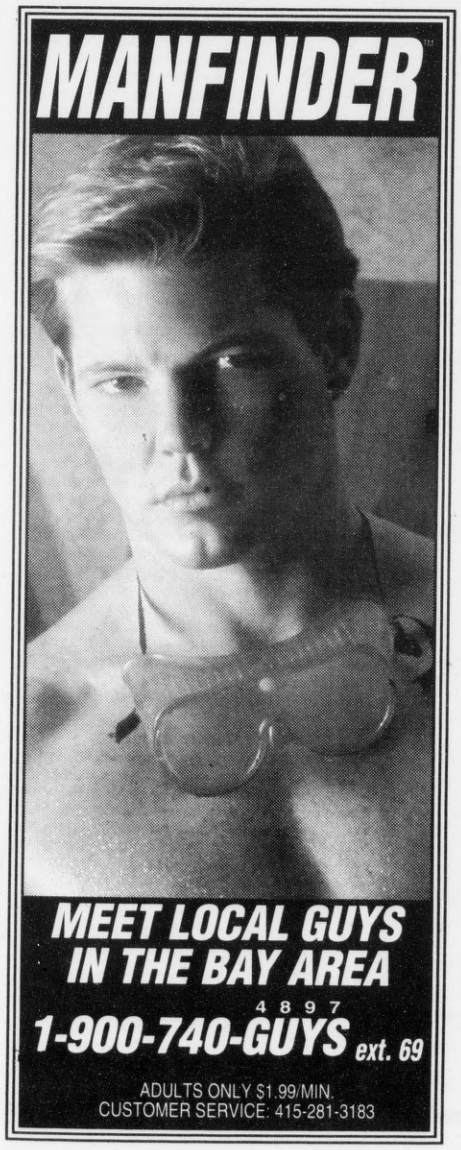
A New Yorker
GAM, 26 yrs. old, 5'10", 235#, chubby but good-looking. A foreign student in New York City. Love: classical music (prefer Puccini & Ravel), swimming in seas, theaters, reading; different kinds of arts; cooking, traveling. I travel to SF often. You: 25-45 yrs. old, well-built, educated, professional; love your life. No games. Trim, masculine, full head of hair only. Write with phone #, photo (will return), to PO Box 4055, Parkside Station, Flushing, NY 11375.

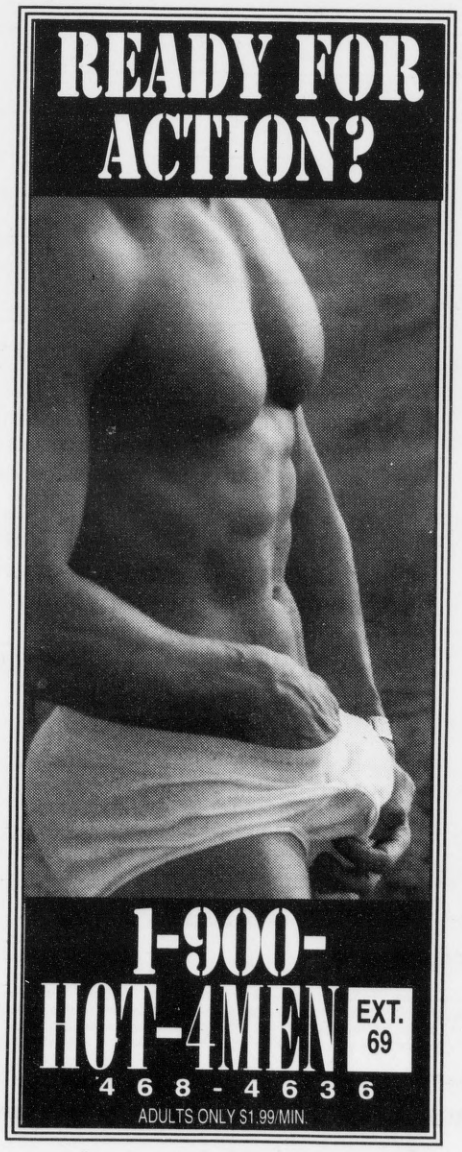
True Or False:
I date Asians because they're exotic. I'm politically correct. Thank God for my personality. If you answered true to any, don't respond. Otherwise, read on. I'm a handsome Chinese American (mid-20s, 5'7", 145, HIV-) who's not seeking rice queens. PC fascists or men whose personalities compensate for their looks; but rather a good-looking pre-35 y.o. with similar passions (career, movies, weightlifting, music, cooking) and with a wit/intelligence to rival his looks. Call ★★8702.

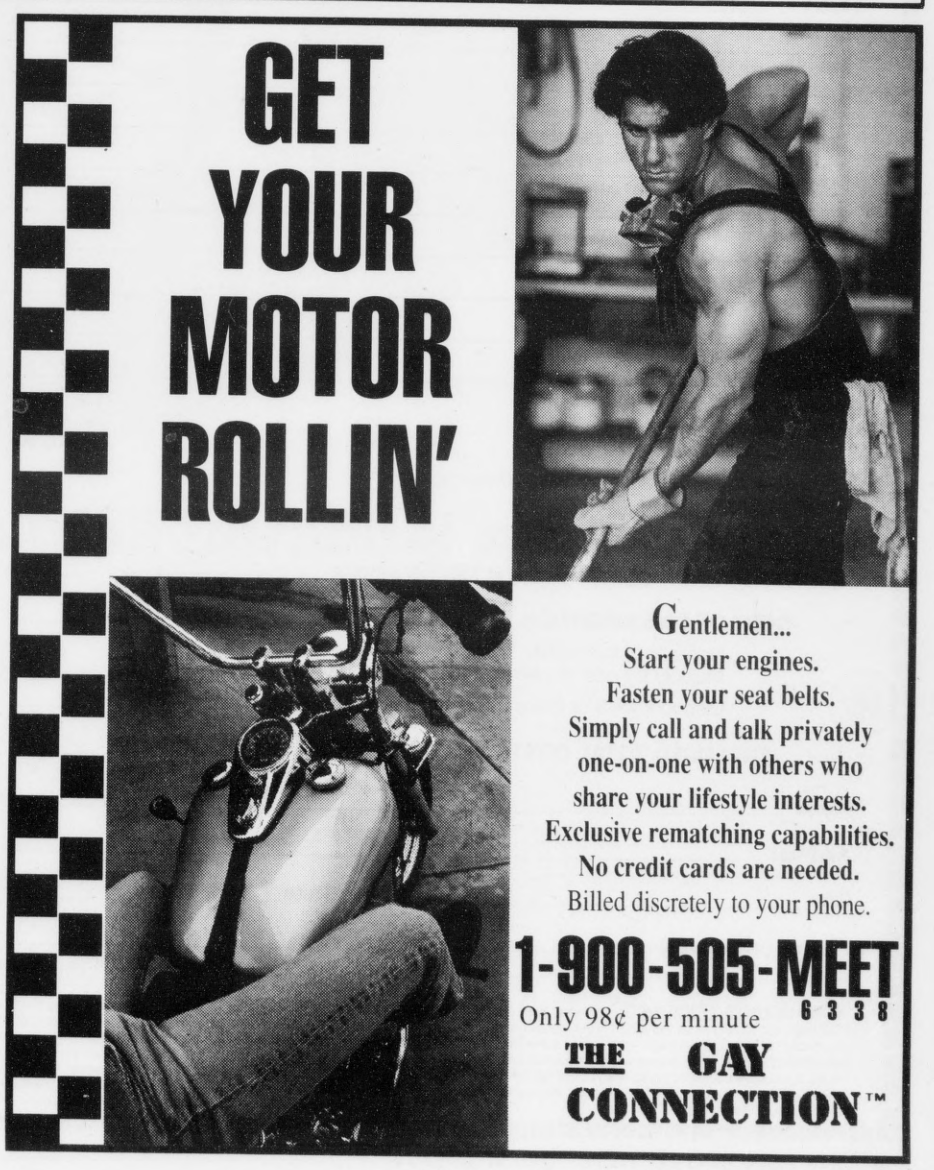
Moves Moves
I may have met a Dellwood Barker in my life, but I was too young to know it. Now I am older (39) and wiser (HIV+). I'm white, 6', 160#, cleanshaven & artistic. I've got a good life, good friends, good looks, good sense of humor, a good attitude and I am ready to share them with the right man. Please write BT Box AG103A or call ★★8703.

Paradigm Shift
Going through change of life—previously bi-curious, now ready to embrace my gayness—31 y.o. East Bay Latino writer, 5'8", 180#, blk/brn, HIV-, considered attractive by you. Enjoy SF, running, poetry (Neruda), travel (Mexico, Spain, Italy), history, laughing, modern rock en Espanol, conversation, Peet's coffee. Looking for friend, lover. Pluses (not vital): Latinos, Asians. Essential: intelligence. What's refreshing? Someone real, down-to-earth, in touch with roots, self. Call ★★8704.

Seductive, Passionate And Handsome...
30 y.o., black hair, brown eyes, cleanshaven, clean-cut, sexy slim hard body, professional, Portuguese Italian, romantic, outgoing, loves sex, dancing, Italian opera, afterhours parties, martinis, sunsets, the beach, Italian food, fun people and my only love affair in a long time is with San Francisco (faithfully). You: under 35, handsome a must, no moustache, trim, fun and outgoing + somewhat like myself. Call ★★8705.



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Professional GWM, 44, stable, reliable, seeking monogamous relationship. I am 5'10", 155 lbs., NS, HIV-, with blue eyes, brown hair and a moustache. I would enjoy sharing my interests in classical music, good food/cooking, travel and the outdoors with a man who is masculine, down-to-earth, HIV-, 35-60, nonsmoker preferred. Facial and/or body hair, tall are pluses. Please write BT Box AG104A with a photo or call ★★8706.

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I'm a nature-walking, piano-playing, city-exploring, culture-appreciating, nonmaterialistic, spiritual and practical, bearded, balding, GWM East Bay teacher, 44, 5'11", 165. Seeking lean, not extremely hairy Asian, Caucasian or other who's about 25-45, reliable, communicative, masculine, substance-unhooked, HIV-, out as gay. Open to new friendships and/or dating or loving, growing, supportive orgasmic relationship. Describe yourself, include phone, photo optional. PO Box 8031, Berkeley 94707 or call ★★8707.

Fire & Water = Steam Heat

April baby with powerful personality wants to meet his match. I'm hard-headed at times, but not hard-hearted, 37, physically demonstrative, romantic, authentic, emotionally available, sweet, and not given to understatement. At 6'2" I am imposing, but not daunting, have dark along with well-earned gray hair, blue eyes. I'm not unattractive, resemble my Slavic heritage, and won't cause whiplash in the Castro. I have a good sense of humor, and usually am first to laugh at myself. I'm healthy, though snore, swear on occasion, drink moderately, and smoke tobacco. I am also playful, spontaneous, oral, monogamous, creative, passionate, independent, nurturing, vulnerable yet strong, considerate, a bit obsessive/compulsive, and imperfect. I enjoy a demanding career and have time and desire for a committed relationship with one splendid man. I am not into the scene, bars, mind-games or short-term "dating." I am interested in what's in your heart and your mind, not what's in your wallet. If you are more earthy than flighty, impassioned, about 35-45, not unaggressive, and know the difference between being in love with love and the real thing, read on. If, among other things, you value friendships, savor Sundays, like movies, good food, lots of laughter, and can handle the odd visit to a museum, keep going. If you're bright, read a book more than once per decade, and recognize that sex without affection and intimacy is not for you either, don't hesitate to call. Call ★★8708.

Reformed Skate-Punkster

Turned winsome romantic, 24, seeks charming sidekick. Happily stumbling through post-college days alone, but would like to stumble along with another. Into painting, reading academic bullshit, listening to old jazz, shooting hoops and hanging out with the lads. Want to meet someone who has more invested in life than simple existence, attractive on his own terms, and more compelling and intricate than an ad could ever describe. Not crazy about racists and misogynists. If interested, please call. Call ★★8709.

Jane Eyre Seeks Mr. Rochester

Plain, hard-working and deeply passionate QWM seeks dark, brooding lord of manor to serve in a domestic situation, hopefully leading to a lifelong romance. Jane is 36 y.o., fair-featured, 5'7", 140#, and physically fit. Edward should have tragic secret. Call ★★8710.

GWM, 26, 6 ft., long hair, goatee and moustache. Cute, communicative and not cynical, educated, progressive, spiritual, not shallow; open mind and heart, kind and emotionally available; very mystically inclined, properly therapized, into bodywork, meditation, bicycling. Seeks butch-of-center guy with similar interests, good intimacy skills and emotional integrity who has a wide variety of interests, is fun and bright and has a positive outlook on life. Call ★★8711.

Prince Albert's Birthday Party

His birthday is August 26. A special party will be held that evening for special men. If you qualify send a facial photo and descriptive letter to BT Box AG105A or call ★★8712.

Husband Material

There are two chairs on my deck overlooking the garden but right now one of them is empty. Successful professional with a lot to give seeks mature, reliable soulmate for LTR. Tall GWM, 39, HIV-, attractive, intelligent, self-confident, articulate, spiritual, nurturing, monogamous, witty. Ability to talk about feelings a must. Interests: movies, theater, cooking, writing, psychotherapy, camping, day hikes. ND, NS. Call ★★8713.

China Men

Make me trip master funky. Try some joy luck with this QWM, 36 y.o., 5'7", 140#, fit, with cute Western European features. White boy likes to have fun, but falls hard fast for right top guy in his 30s or older. This E-ticket attraction includes trips to opera, clubbing, 3 am dining at the Silver Restaurant, the Giants, cheap matinees, gymming, sleeping in light on Sundays and secret underwear exchanges. Call ★★8714.

Asian/Filipino Friend

Desired by tall, slender, hairy, easygoing, monogamous romantic GJM in early 50s. You're younger, cleanshaven, in-shape, reasonably attractive (as I am) and sincerely interested in older men. Shared interests could include good music, movies, art, long walks and eating out. And of course much physical closeness in which you're the dominant partner. Make my (and your) day, give me a call. Call ★★8715.

Before, During And After

Do you enjoy the quiet closeness afterwards as much as the frisky fooling around before? GWM, 41, bright, musical, humorous, culturally Jewish, bald, hairy, 32w, HIV-, seeks assertive, young-looking, white/Asian/Indian male for cuddling, conversation and fooling around (condomized oral welcome). We're NS/ND (light drinking OK), cleanshaven. Please write PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★8716.

"Sleeping Alone Sucks!"

Sighed this very affectionate, upbeat, sincere, energetic, ex-Catholic, light-drinking, nonsmoking SF GWM. I'm blond/blue, slender, attractive, HIV-, and 21. My passions include food, sex and travel, and I'm seeking someone with whom I can share these: an emotionally available, healthy, HIV- GM, 20-35. Let's eat and watch "The Simpsons." Call ★★8717.

Self-Respect Sought

In another HIV- GM, 25-35 y.o., for dating, etc. Like me, he doesn't use drugs, rarely drinks, and prefers his sexual relationships to be monogamous. We both are independently-driven and self-reliant, yet for each other are a reliable source of encouragement and moral support. I'm artsy, fun, versatile, into food, books, dancing and am affectionate, blond, blue, 30, 5'10", 170 lbs. Et tu? Call ★★8718.

If...

You enjoy classical music and maybe jazz; like to laugh; have a contrasting artistic side; a few muscles; occasionally country-western dancing; nature, conversation, friends, food; have a warm heart and a curious intellect; feel communication and commitment are important; especially want to be with another VTHGM (very tall handsome gay man), consider this ad. This sometimes embarrassingly youthful, sexy 47-yr-old (most people think I'm about 35) shocks people when he reveals his age. He enjoys men from 35 to 50 who have youthful energy and minds, but wise hearts. With his slender good looks he turns many a head, but not yet the one who wants to work at a lasting relationship. He is hard-working classical singer and needs the mutual nurturance and understanding that can result from a solid relationship. Stats: 6'6½", bld/blu, 205 lbs., HIV-, very light drinker, no drugs. Boxholder, PO Box 26463, SF 94126-6463 (recent photo please) or call ★★8719.

Dim Sum

This warm-hearted, masculine, professional WM, 36, 5'7", 140 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, seeks a fun-loving, good-natured Chinese male who has eclectic taste in Chinese culture, music and food. Interested in bonding with the right person but also want to develop new friends. Enjoy working out, dancing, hiking, fiction, films, and quiet times for romantic interludes. Additional pluses if nonsmoker and like Andy Lau, HK singer. Call ★★8720.

Beautiful Boy Seeks Middle Aged Men

Sophisticated and refined boy, 27, with a very high mental age, seeks active masculine men, Italians and other Latins a plus, between 51 and 69. I am 6', 158 lbs., slim and satin smooth skin. Most men find me very desirable. I'm here on a long vacation, while I seek a new relationship. My complexion is very tan and I'm very athletic. You will not be disappointed. Call ★★8721.

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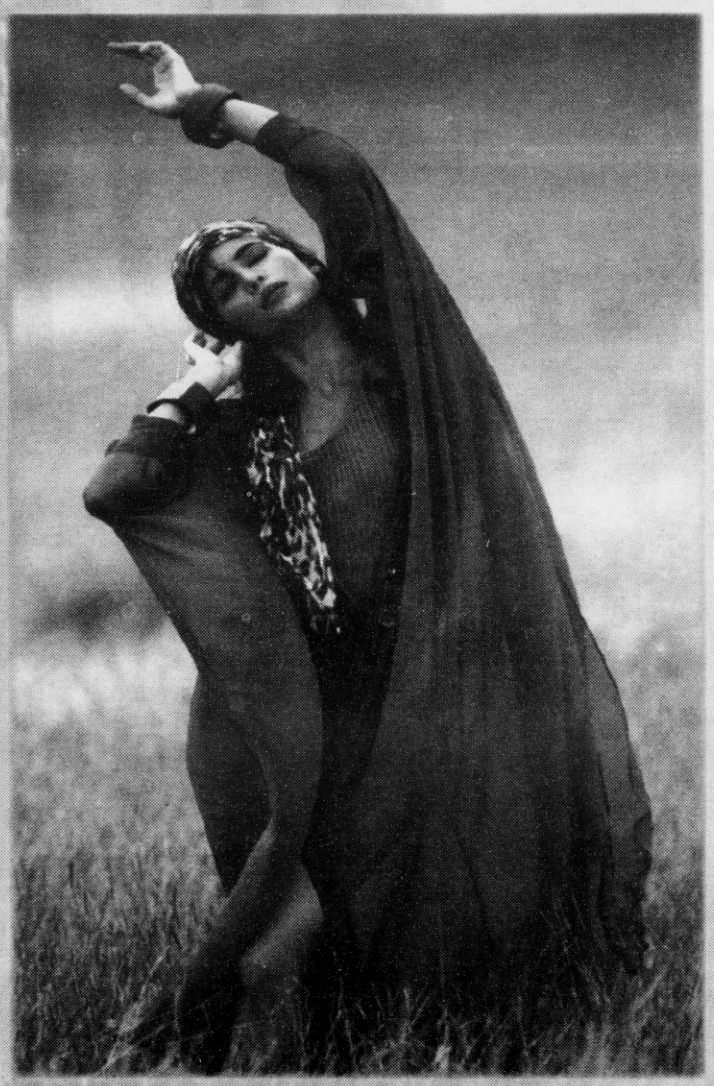

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